

Dear Legislator,

I'm writing to support bill A05468/S3031, which gives parents the freedom to refuse vaccinations based on philosophical reasons.

I am the mother of a twelve-year-old who is on the Autistic spectrum. There are indicators that vaccinations had something to do with his issues. Until I know for sure that these vaccinations did not cause him harm, I will not subject him to further vaccinations.

I know many parents who feel strongly that vaccinations have caused their children harm and they feel the same as I do. The medical community denies the assertions of the anti-vaccine 'movement' but until they can solidly state that these not do cause harm, I will not participate in the vaccine process. There is a tremendous amount of research, both anecdotal and scientific, that back up the assertion there is a link between myriad health issues and vaccinations.

I also know parents who have suffered through "sincerity testing," in my district and it is a truly despicable process. At the very least, the legislators need to take the role of judge and jury away from an arbitrary Board of Education.

Parents should have the freedom to make an informed, or faithful, choice regarding their children without fear of intimidation or harassment by their school district. Freedom is the most important foundation of this country and I hope you will do your best to persuade your fellow Legislators that S3031/A5468 is an appropriate and necessary law for New York State.

Sincerely,

