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# ATTN: TEXAS SENATE

## MEET THE VICTIMS – OPPOSE HB 1316

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### 6 More Shots Won't Add Up for Kids Like Em

#### *What Price Will Families in Texas Have to Pay for More Mandated Vaccines?*

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County: Fort Bend

Senator: Kyle Janek

Representative: Glen Hegar

One July morning in 2000 my granddaughter Em greeted me with, "Hi, hello, how are you Gammie." That would be the last time I heard those precious words because on that very same Texas summer day Em received 4 vaccines (DTaP4, Prevnar2 (Pneumococcal), MMR2, and Hib4.) Within hours of her vaccines she started having seizures. Within days she could no longer sit up, talk, or walk.

Gradually Em's ability to sit unassisted returned. Once walking again she walked with an obvious gait. Now at the age of six she is talking but only because of years of therapy. Em's brain sustained permanent damage. The parts of her brain damaged are responsible for reading and math. Em's adverse vaccine reaction was truly a life altering event. For us her reaction was not a "rare" event.

As a licensed nurse I am against mandating vaccines. Informed consent/choice based on factual information and education is a basic human right. Every Texan, including our smallest ones, has the right to a healthy productive life. Don't take away those rights by passing HB 1316.



*Myra Lowrie's Granddaughter Em started having seizures within hours of receiving 4 shots in one day. One of the 4 was the pneumococcal vaccine proposed to be mandated for all babies in daycare in HB 1316.*

**HB 1316 mandates that Texas babies and children in daycare be subjected to 6 more shots: 2 vaccine doses for Hepatitis A virus and 4 vaccine doses for Pneumococcal bacteria.**

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**These vaccines are already available to any parent in Texas who wants them for their child – they don't need to be forced by law to ultimately hurt some children not at high risk for serious outcomes of Hepatitis A or Pneumococcal illnesses.**



Myra Lowrie with granddaughter Em(left) who was permanently brain damaged by the Pneumococcal and 3 other state mandated shots. HB 1316 would mandate pneumococcal vaccine for all children in daycare.

(Myra's Letter to the Editor was published in the Houston Chronicle on 1/14/05)

### Formaldehyde in shots, too

The Chronicle's Thursday article addressed concerns with toxic chemicals that are present in our air. The health risks from these toxins were listed by areas shown as toxic hot spots. I hope the Chronicle will investigate the formaldehyde that is used in injection drugs. Many shots contain this substance — a disinfectant, a known cancer-causing substance and a neurotoxin — even though it is not known what amount is safe for humans. If formaldehyde can make the news as an air toxin, injecting it into humans deserves news coverage, as well.  
 –Myra Lowrie, Sugar Land, TX

The Hepatitis A vaccine is manufactured with formaldehyde to inactivate the live virus.

Each pediatric dose of Pneumococcal vaccine contains 0.125 mg. of aluminum and each pediatric dose of Hepatitis A vaccine contains .25 mg of aluminum. Aluminum is a metal that the American Academy of Pediatrics admits is neurotoxic to humans. Federal regulations state: "The amount of aluminum in the recommended individual dose of a biological product shall not exceed 1.250mg" The problem is that multiple vaccines containing aluminum are given on the same day. DTaP, HepB, Hib, and Pneumococcal, and Hepatitis A all contain aluminum, and when multiple vaccines are given on the same day as what typically happens, infants receive aluminum amounts exceeding the maximum dose. (References: [http://www.vaccineinfo.net/alerts/Oppose\\_HB1316.shtml](http://www.vaccineinfo.net/alerts/Oppose_HB1316.shtml))

## Did you know that ...

- ... **HB 1316 is a hidden insurance mandate** because the Insurance Code §1367.053 (a) (2) requires that if a vaccine is mandated for use, insurance companies are required to cover it!
- ... **state health insurance mandates drive up the cost of policies and increase the number of uninsured.** Texas already leads the nation in the number of residents without health insurance coverage!
- ... the private sector provider wholesale cost for the required 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine is almost \$60 and the required 4 doses of Pneumococcal vaccine is over \$260 with **patient retail prices for these 2 vaccines over \$600 for all 6 doses!**
- ... According to the CDC, **only 2% of all cases of Hepatitis A are from children or providers in day care settings.**
- ... in several studies, use of pneumococcal conjugate vaccines caused non-vaccine strains to become more common, raising concerns that Prevnar could eventually become ineffective even in the U.S. Of 90 known pneumococcal strains, Prevnar only covers seven.
- ... Hepatitis A vaccine is manufactured using cell lines derived from aborted fetal cells (MRC5) and that residual MRC5 cellular proteins are present in the final vaccine injected into babies and children. (see vaccine package insert)
- ... **only 3 states mandate Hepatitis A vaccine for daycare!** (AK, AZ, OK) and **only 3 states mandate Pneumococcal vaccine for daycare!** (ID, ME, TN)  
[http://www.immunizationinfo.org/vaccineInfo/vaccine\\_detail.cfv?id=3#stateReq](http://www.immunizationinfo.org/vaccineInfo/vaccine_detail.cfv?id=3#stateReq)
- ... the fiscal note shows that this bill will **cost the state over \$15 million dollars** over the next 5 years!

### Parents Requesting Open Vaccine Education

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