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# ATTN: TEXAS SENATE

## MEET THE VICTIMS – OPPOSE HB 1316

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### 21 Shots Too Many for Kiana

*Vaccine Reactions Minimized and Not Reported*

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County: El Paso

Senator: Eliot Shapleigh

Representative: Paul Cruz Moreno

Our names are Manny and Stephanie Limon. Our child is Kiana. She will be 5 in June of this year. We live in El Paso County and our State Senator is Eliot Shapleigh and our Representative is Paul Moreno.

In August of 2000 at 2 months of age, Kiana was given 4 shots (one of the DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td, 1- Hib, 1- Pneumococcal Conjugate, 1 of the IPV). While being given the shots there was a sudden jolt in her eyes as if she had been hit with a bolt of electricity. Within 24 hours she quit giving eye contact. We mentioned it to her doctor but our report and fears were discounted. Furthermore we were never given any warning about possible side effects of the shots .

By 2 years and two months of age Kiana had been given 21 shots ( in addition to the 4 noted above she was also given 3- Hepatitis B, 3 more of the DTP type, 3 more Hib, 3 more Pneumococcal Conjugate, three of the IPV, 1- MMR, 1- Chicken Pox, 1- Hepatitis A). She developed left sided weakness and would bend her arm like a tiny stroke victim. Noise of vacuum cleaners and blow dryers and brushing her hair no matter how lightly caused her tremendous discomfort. She could not swallow any textured foods. She was obsessed with blocks, putting toys in rows and building “castles” or towers of anything she could find.

Our hearts broke as we watched her inability to socialize at the day care. She had been around the same group of children for years yet she would take a half an hour to warm-up to them, standing with her back to them or walking through the group she would go straight to the blocks, not acknowledging the children calling her to play. We spent lots of time in the pool trying to get her to make eye contact, which did seem to help the summer she turned three. But at age 3 ½ the ground came out from under us and we thought we would lose Kiana forever. She started losing expressive speech. She strung words together totally out of context. She thought she was



*By 26 months of age, in spite of serious vaccine reactions, Kiana Limon had been repeatedly vaccinated with 21 shots including 5 shots of the pneumococcal and hepatitis A vaccines proposed to be required in HB 1316 causing Kiana to lose her expressive and receptive speech.*

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**HB 1316 requires all 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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making sense and would frustrate into total “meltdowns” because we could not understand her. She misinterpreted words spoken to her. In fear we took her to the doctor and asked to have her tested. She was diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder (an autism spectrum disorder), an abnormal EEG (deep sleep seizure disorder) and sensory integration problems -a component of the PDD.

Our worries grew for her when our insurance advised that they consider autism to be a learning problem excluded from coverage under our insurance. Fortunately the seizure disorder was covered by insurance. With the help of specialized treatments, diet and seizure medication we have our little girl today. We watch out for things that cause her excessive stimulation and monitor signs like excessive hand flapping, stuttering, and weakness in one side of her body in order to redouble our efforts and prevent a relapse of behaviors. We learned too late that the EPA had advised the FDA in 1999 that giving children multiple shots before the age of 6 months could place them at a toxic level for mercury exposure. Still the CDC’s recommended shot schedule has had no long term studies for safety. Only acute reactions (death/coma) are given validity and reactions such as our child had at 2 months of age were minimized and not reported to the health department or CDC.

We are outraged that our government would not protect the youngest most vulnerable from the dangers posed by these vaccines. The epidemic of autism is not even being addressed by the CDC while it continues to push shots on children who can’t voice their consent to be used in this grand experiment. Please do not mandate more shots for our children who have vulnerable growing brains, central nervous systems and immune systems. Please insist that parents and doctors be fully informed of the risks and benefits of all shots. My daughter began to exhibit symptoms following a shot protocol that included the Pneumococcal vaccine. Please do not subject her or other children to be exposed to any more vaccines like Hepatitis A and Pneumococcal or any other for which she has no clear and present danger greater than the vaccine itself. Parents can make informed decisions. Please let us.



*Kiana’s parents were not given the information necessary to make an informed decision on what was best for their child. Mandates exacerbate this problem.*

## Did you know that ...

- ... **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.cfm?id=3#stateReq](http://www.immunizationinfo.org/vaccineInfo/vaccine_detail.cfm?id=3#stateReq)
- ... **Pneumococcal and Hepatitis A vaccines are already available without the mandate required in HB 1316** to any parent who wants it for their child with coverage for those who can’t afford it provided by Medicaid, CHIP, state or federal Vaccines for Children Program or an appropriation that has no contingency rider for the passage of this bill.
- ... **Vaccine manufacturers are protected from liability by federal law** so the federal government collects an excise tax of \$0.75 per vaccine sold to compensate victims of vaccine reactions. Casualties are accepted and compensated at a maximum price of \$250,000.
- ... **the fiscal note shows that this bill will cost the state over \$15 million dollars over the next 5 years!**
- ... **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 over \$600 for all 6 doses!**

TRUE INFORMED CONSENT FOR VACCINES DOESN’T HAPPEN AS PARENTS ARE NOT TOLD THE RISKS. MANDATES MAKE THIS WORSE.  
**LET THE PARENTS DECIDE.**

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