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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to HB 1719, the proposed bill that seeks to eliminate the state requirement for the Hepatitis B vaccine. As a registered nurse, I have witnessed firsthand the devastating consequences of preventable infectious diseases. Removing this requirement poses a serious public health threat.

Hepatitis B is not a benign illness, it is a highly contagious virus that can lead to chronic infection, cirrhosis, and, most critically, liver cancer. The vaccine is a proven, safe, and effective measure that has dramatically reduced transmission rates and long-term complications. Weakening this safeguard would reverse decades of progress and needlessly endanger vulnerable populations, including newborns and healthcare workers.

Public health policy must prioritize prevention over reaction. Eliminating this requirement would increase healthcare costs, strain medical resources, and put lives at risk. I urge you to reject this bill and uphold the current vaccination standards that protect our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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