

Dear Members of the House Committee on Health Care,

I am a Yale-educated Family Nurse Practitioner with many children in my private practice in Portland, and am writing to express extreme alarm and concern that you are considering a bill which would eliminate most exemptions from vaccination.

While vaccination remains an important public health tool, it cannot be denied that a significant minority of individuals suffer severe consequences from one or several immunizations. Several of my patients experienced major health consequences from routine immunizations. It is not right to trample upon the rights of the vulnerable in the name of an abstract public good.

Please consider the following:

- 1) many public health authorities now at least privately admit that supposedly vaccine-preventable diseases are often spread by vaccinated individuals;
- 2) some vaccines have led to the emergence of new, resistant strains of the same organisms that we vaccinate against, as well as altogether new species in some cases;
- 3) children coming down with and recovering from acute febrile illnesses like flu, measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox are much less likely to develop chronic autoimmune diseases and cancers later in life than those who are vaccinated against them;
- 4) vaccine safety studies are conducted primarily by the drug industry itself, or by government agencies that are run mainly by past, present, or future executives of the industry, in lieu of the independent regulation and oversight they are supposed to provide;

6) these studies rarely include unvaccinated subjects as "controls," and typically give other vaccines or toxic chemical adjuvants instead of genuine placebos for comparison;

7) adverse reactions are accepted as vaccine-related only if they occur within a few hours or days of the vaccination, thus arbitrarily excluding the chronic dimension entirely from consideration;

8) the lead investigator has absolute authority to decide whether unsolicited reports of other adverse reactions by the subjects themselves are or are not vaccine-related, based on criteria that are never specified and allowed to remain a trade secret, if indeed they exist at all;

9) the risks of adverse reactions to vaccines are directly proportional to the total number of vaccine components both administered simultaneously at a single visit, and accumulated over the patients' lifetime, which means that they are inherent in the vaccination process *per se*, as well as in this or that particular vaccine;

10) many vaccines contain chemical adjuvants and other ingredients known to be neurotoxic, such as aluminum, mercury, and detergents like Polysorbate 80, which when injected are known to cross the blood-brain barrier, accumulate in brain tissue, and have been causally linked to various forms of brain damage;

11) the CDC admits that over 25% of American children born today suffer from some form of brain damage, yet has never investigated, or even shown much interest in investigating, what percentage of these cases are vaccine-related;

12) other vaccine ingredients include human and animal cells, DNA, RNA, and proteins, which almost certainly provoke immunological reactions but have not been studied, or at any rate such studies have never been made public.

The following is a link to 50 studies which should be at least considered before recommending reducing patients' choice with regard to immunization:

<http://vaccinesafetycommission.org/pdfs/50-Studies.pdf>

You may also wish to look at the following website, which gives BOTH pro and con arguments against vaccination:

<https://vaccines.procon.org/>

The right to choose or refuse a medical intervention comes closer to the heart of freedom and liberty than almost anything else I can think of. For the State to categorically deprive its citizens of this most basic human right, forcing parents to accept medical interventions with documented risks on their healthy children, makes a mockery of our claim to live in a free society.

Sincerely,

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