

We have thoroughly researched vaccines, the diseases/viruses they are created to vaccinate us against and the CDC schedule, and because of what we have found, we choose to offer fewer and spread out vaccines. We need more research and studies on the effects of vaccines being combined (such as MMR, DTAP, etc) in conjunction with others per the CDC schedule. The vaccine schedule is not safe! Please don't take away the parental right to make safety adjustments for our children!

I have grave concerns with the upcoming hearing on Measles and vaccine exemptions on February 28th. This hearing will serve to fuel what I consider an overblown hysteria related to measles.

Here are some key concerns:

- Measles is still 'eliminated' in the United States, per the CDC, and cases are NOT on the rise. Every year there are a handful of small outbreaks due to foreign travelers bringing it into the US. Even in 2000, when the CDC declared measles eliminated, there were 86 cases and multiple 'outbreaks'.
- As long as measles is endemic in other parts of the world, we will never ERADICATE it in the US. At most, we can control the spread and public health officials use methods such as quarantine and containment which are effective. Vaccines are not a magic bullet as they don't work in all, wane over time, and even when antibodies are positive a person can still contract measles.
- We are a country of over 320 million citizens; the 3 small outbreaks that are receiving national attention are occurring in specific communities (Ukrainian immigrants, Orthodox Jews) and are related to international travel.
- Recall that almost 40% of the strains in the Disneyland measles outbreak of 2014/2015 were the vaccine strain of measles - not a wild type strain - per R.J. McNall from the CDC. This came out 2 years AFTER the outbreak. This shows the vaccine itself is contributing to the spread of measles.

This hearing will likely touch on vaccination for measles and issues related to vaccine exemptions. Issues related to vaccines, and exemptions, should and are governed by the states.

Please ensure this hearing is fair, balanced, and includes opposing viewpoints. There are many highly qualified individuals to present those viewpoints. The hearing announcement sounds extremely one-sided.

Thank you for your consideration.

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