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Robert E. Nyce, Executive Director  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harristown 2  
333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

RE: Department of Health pending regulation 10-162

Dear Mr. Nyce:

I am enclosing a copy of correspondence I received from one of my constituents, Jim Brady. I believe you will find it self-explanatory. Mr. Brady opposes making chickenpox vaccinations a mandatory requirement for a child to attend school in Pennsylvania. Mr. Brady sent this letter to me in error.

Please forward Mr. Brady's letter to the appropriate staff analyst, so that his views can be included in the record of the review of this proposed regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt".

Matthew N. Wright

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JIM BRADY D.C.  
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THE HONORABLE MATTHEW WRIGHT  
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RE: MANDATORY VACCINATIONS

DEAR REP. WRIGHT,

I AM WRITING TO YOU AS A PARENT WHO LIVES IN YOUR DISTRICT THAT IS OPPOSED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPT. OF HEALTH'S PROPOSED RULES OF IMPLEMENTING A MANDATE FOR THE VARICELLA VACCINE (CHICKEN POX).

THIS VACCINE IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO ANY CHILD IN THE STATE WHO'S PARENT WANTS IT; THE ISSUE HERE IS THAT THE PDH PROPOSAL WILL MAKE IT ILLEGAL IF A PARENT WANTS TO DELAY OR NOT THIS GIVE THIS VACCINE AT ALL. THIS PROPOSAL BLATANTLY DISREGARDS PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHT OF INFORMED CONSENT TO MEDICAL PROCEDURES.

THERE ARE MANY VALID REASONS MAY NOT WANT TO USE THIS VACCINE. PARENTS ARE CAPABLE OF MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THE HEALTH CARE OF THEIR CHILDREN AND MUST NOT BE PLACED IN A POSITION IN WHICH EXERCISING A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION TO A VACCINE MEANS BREAKING THE LAW. LEAVE THIS DECISION WHERE IT BELONGS, IN THE HANDS OF THE PARENTS. IT WILL BE THE PARENTS AND THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF A MEDICAL DISABILITY PRECIPITATED BY THIS VACCINE, NOT THE PDH.

FOR MOST CHILDREN CHICKEN POX IS A BENIGN CHILDHOOD ILLNESS THAT FREQUENTLY GIVES THE CHILD LIFELONG IMMUNITY. ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER OF HTE VACCINE, VARIVAX VACCINE HAS NOT BEEN "EVALUATED OR TESTED FOR THEIR CARCINOGENIC POTENTIAL, MUTAGENIC POTENTIAL, OR FOR THE IMPAIRMENT OF FERTILITY" OR "REPRODUCTIVE CAPACITY" AND "THE DURATION OF OF PROTECTION IS UNKNOWN AT PRESENT". FORCING A VACCINE ON A HEALTHY CHILD IS CRIMINAL. MY DAUGHTER HAD THE CHICKEN POX WITH NO RESIDUAL PROBLEMS. ASIDE FROM THE ITCHING IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A INCONVENIENCE. NOW SHE HAS A NATURAL IMMUNITY TO THE DISEASE.

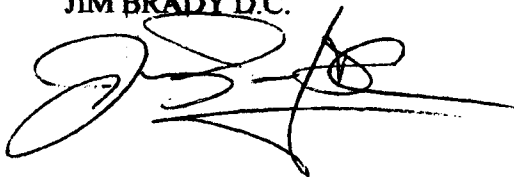
MANY DOCTORS DO NOT AGREE WITH MANDATING THE CHICKEN POX VACCINE. THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THIS DISEASE IS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE DANGEROUS FOR ADULTS, AND THEY CAN CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE. LET PARENTS DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

PDH'S REASONING FOR MANDATING THE CHICKEN POX VACCINE IS THAT PARENTS WILL EXPERIENCE LESS WORK DISRUPTION DUE TO THE ILLNESS. SINCE WHEN, IS IT THE STATE'S CONCERN ON HOW MUCH WORK I MISS. IT IS NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS OR ANYONE ELSE'S FOR THAT MATTER.

IMMUNIZATION IS A SERIOUS MEDICAL PROCEDURE THAT CAN CAUSE MEDICAL DISABILITY AND IN SOME CASES DEATH. THE VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM HAS PAID OUT OVER 1 BILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGES TO FAMILIES FOR INJURIES AND DEATHS CAUSED BY VACCINES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

JIM BRADY D.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jim Brady', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.