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To Whom it May Concern:

This correspondence is in reference to the proposed Department of Health regulations in the PA bulletin Volume 38, Number 6. As a sixth grade school nurse with 500 sixth graders in a middle class school district, I have noticed that there are only 100 students who received the meningococcal vaccine and only 176 students who received the Tdap vaccine. In December, I did send letters to parents explaining the proposed regulations for Tdap and meningococcal but did not receive a significant response. Since the vaccine are not recommended until the student is 11-12 years of age, I believe a number of physicians may be waiting to give the vaccine. Therefore I feel it may be more beneficial to require the vaccine for students entering eighth grade. At that point, hopefully the majority of students received the vaccines and therefore would not be excluded. Thank you for reviewing my concerns.

Sincerely,

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