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To Whom it may concern,

I ask that you reconsider the changes proposed to immunization requirements. I am aware that there has been a committee tasked with the research on vaccines due to the outbreak at Disney Land. Consider that the parents of a newborn baby are directed by their OBGYN and pediatrician to limit public exposure of their newborn for the first 8 weeks of life. However, during that time the infant is required to receive multiple vaccines from major diseases during that timeframe. In addition, the current vaccination schedule has been allocated for convenience of appointments. It is not uncommon for side effects to develop especially from combination vaccines such as MMR, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and DPT, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus. It has become so common to give these combination shots to prevent the parents from multiple appointments that it is almost impossible to request them to be given separately. For example, a parent cannot request the Measles vaccine alone to be given and receive the Mumps vaccine at a later date to prevent overloading the child's immune system. I understand that some parents are limited in their time, however, rules should not be made for all due to the situations of some. The decision maker should be a well informed parent with a pediatrician they trust, with a schedule they collaborate on together for that specific child. I do not believe the child's best interest is being considered when a 5 day time limit is required for a student to "catch-up" on all delinquent vaccines. Aside from the superficial issue of acquiring a doctor's appointment in that time frame is the more crucial issue of multiple vaccines given in one visit. This could not only bring potential harm to the child, but also completely defies the physician's immunization schedule which spans many years and is already expedited. It may take years or it may take months for the consequences of such a law to be recognized. How many children will suffer the adverse affects of such a decision? The decision should be made between the parents and their chosen health care professional, with the parent having the final say. No one knows that child as well as their parent. Please consider my child. Your child. Each child. An isolated incident should not cause a panic induced decision. Nor should politics and pharmaceutical companies have the final say.

Thank you for your consideration and your service,

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