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From: Dan Waterman <ddwaterman@gmail.com>
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To: IRRC
Subject: Proposal IRCC #3147

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you about proposal IRRC #3147, which makes changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania Code.

Currently, parents are not required to immunize their children until they are admitted to school (which includes attendance at a home school program). Under the proposed changes, parents who choose to delay immunizations will not have enough flexibility in obtaining the required vaccines. Five days is far too short a provisional period. There may be danger in requiring too many vaccine doses in a short period of time. Parents should have more time (i.e. a minimum of 60 days) to develop a plan for their children to receive the required vaccines.

Additionally, many parents, for good reason, may decide not to take their child to the doctor when the child is infected by varicella (chickenpox). These children should not be required to receive the vaccine as they have natural immunity. A written statement from the parents should be treated as sufficient evidence demonstrating a history of chickenpox.

I urge you to modify proposal IRRC #3147 as I have recommended above.

Thank You.

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