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Dear Karen Molchanow, Executive Director Dept of Education,

I am a concerned, educated mother of soon to be three children, who was recently informed of the new proposed bills regarding immunization status of children in the state of Pennsylvania; specifically, IRRC#s 3146 AND 3147.

Having thoroughly investigated and studied the ingredients in each of the vaccines on the regular schedule, as well as the diseases the vaccines are intended to protect against, I have made some very informed decisions regarding them for our family.

Recent outbreaks in colleges and theme resorts have mostly originated or manifested in vaccinated individuals, which is a huge concern to me. How are these vaccines protecting against the diseases, if vaccinated individuals are contracting them? I do not see how *removing* the parental right to delay a child's vaccines for 8 months will help the situation. If a parent or doctor feels it is best for the child to practice a selective or delayed schedule, they should have the right to do so even without the use of an exemption. Just as with any illness or procedure, there are many schools of thought, and one should be able to seek a second opinion, or a different approach. Each parent should be able to weigh the pros and cons, and the risks of contracting the said-to-be vaccine preventable disease, the ingredients and methods of the injection itself, and the method for which to be proactive when pertaining to their child's health and well being.

The MMR specifically, has a case against them right now because the Measles portion of the immunization does not seem to be very effective. In fact, the Measles is a shedding type of vaccination, and many who receive the vaccine contract the disease or shed it to a family member or close friend. Another issue here is that the Measles disease is not deadly, so even if someone were to contract the disease, and if they seek proper medical treatment, they have symptoms for about 7-12 days, and recover back to a normal health status, whether the disease was contracted from the vaccine or not. I do not believe the current vaccination schedule is very safe considering very young infants and children are being injected with multiple diseases all at the same time, which lowers their immune systems and allows numerous metals and toxins to go straight into their little blood streams and across their blood-brain barriers. Another concern is that the toxins, metals, DNA, and diseases are bypassing the body's natural defense mechanisms for fighting foreign diseases and toxins. I am concerned that by not allowing a selective or delayed schedule, more and more children will become vaccine-injured. There are plenty of valid reasons why a parent might choose to be selective or delayed which their child's vaccination schedule, and in doing so they are only acting in the best interest of their child.

The concern of not allowing private schools, charter schools, home education programs, and cyber programs be exempt from this proposed regulation, is that parents' minimal rights are being taken away from them. If the parent decides to become educated on vaccines and their own child, and decides to delay or be selective about the vaccination schedule, this new regulation eliminates their ability to go a different route with their child's education rather than to go forward with enrolling their child in public school. This basically forces them to do something they feel is not in the best interest of their child, or to move to a different state with less strict vaccination requirements. I am aware that religious and medical exemptions still would exist in the state of Pennsylvania, but I am concerned about those parents who do not have legitimate medical or religious reasons for their child to be exempt, but have a strong feeling in their gut that they should delay or be selective. Just as with any parenting school of thought, it is the parental right to choose what is best for their own child, and it is in the best interest of the state to keep parents in control of their own child's well being.

Thank you for your time. I really appreciate you taking my words and thoughts into consideration.

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