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Dear Director Findley,

I am writing to express my concern for the proposed mandatory vaccination law, IRRC #3147, which makes changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania Code. I understand the desire to protect people, but I do believe the decision for each person's best health interests lies within the choices people can make for themselves and their children. The Bible says that children are a gift from the Lord and the Parents are to train them up and equip them for life. Therefore, I do not believe the government should take away those God-given rights. I believe that there are other ways to gain immunity and to protect people from disease. I also believe that there may be other personal health concerns or trends in some families where vaccines would cause greater harm than good. Our immune system is strong, yet fragile, and the amount of chemicals injected to those systems repeatedly is contributing to weakening rather than strengthening the immune system.

I would submit that you consider the pressure for such laws. The outcry is that vaccines for all these things will make people healthier, but if you notice the trend, people's overall health has not improved over the last thirty years. I believe the decline is a combination of assaults on people's immune systems by the chemicals in vaccines along with other environmental toxins and refined foods that have worked together to weaken our natural response to fight off infections. Is it truly the desire to see healthier people that drives more government regulation or fear and false information about the true effects, not to mention the incredible amount of money pushed for the dramatic use of vaccines and the scheduled boosters?

There are so many other ways to fight off diseases through natural means that see greater results if the immune system is able to fight the way it was designed to.

I also purpose that if changes are made, that these things are considered:  
Regarding mandatory electronic reporting:

The current proposal requires home education programs to report immunization data to the Department electronically, and it makes no provision for using a paper form. While the proposal specifically gives public, private, parochial, or nonpublic schools the ability to use a paper form if they are unable to report electronically, no such provision is included for home education programs. Home education programs should have the ability to report on paper forms.

Regarding reduced flexibility for provisional admittance to school:

Parents are not required to immunize their children until they are admitted to school (which includes attendance at a homeschool 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. Parents should have more time (60 days) to develop a plan for their children to receive the required vaccines without being required to obtain a form from their doctor in order to do this.

Regarding changes to documenting a prior history of chickenpox:

Section (19) of the regulatory analysis form says the Department has removed the proposal requiring parents to provide a history of immunity to varicella (chickenpox) from a physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. The text of the final-form proposal, however, still includes language that would not allow parents to provide such a statement.

As noted in section (19), this proposal represents the greatest potential cost increase to parents and guardians. This proposal was not recommended by the Joint State Government Commission's report. Further, varicella vaccination rates are already meeting the Healthy People 2020 Target Vaccination Rates, according to the Commission's report. A parental statement regarding history of immunity to varicella should continue to be accepted.

I truly believe that the government is infringing on a person's rights and freedoms, especially about our own bodies. I urge you to please consider the true cost. The amount of allowed injuries to supposedly help the "greater good" is a complete myth. I know of many families who have had children with vaccine injuries. They do not have a voice with all the laws protecting vaccine companies and preventing them from accountability since these people are considered and "acceptable loss." Please help us maintain our Constitutionally given rights of Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness.

Sincerely,  
Rebekah Kuriakose