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Dear Ms. Findley,

We are a home schooling family who has made the decision to delay vaccination based on our own risk analysis. Our boys are now older and are current with their immunizations. Our decision to delay has been a wise and successful one based on our prerogatives as parents. It has come to our attention that The Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department) has submitted a final-form proposal making significant changes to the school vaccination regulations (28 Pa. Code §§ 23.81–23.87). We share the concerns of others whose comments encourage more empowerment of families, not less, to make their own medical decisions and reporting. Home schooling offers many advantages and one of them should be more flexibility with immunizations and their schedule.

Please ensure that appropriate revisions are made to the regulation which ensure that:

- A reasonable provisional period is allocated for development of vaccination plans (90 days). Five days is unreasonably short.
- Parents have full authority to report history of varicella immunity. 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.

We thank you for yours, and your agency's, service regarding public health. Please remember that parental rights and liberties must not be infringed in the process.

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