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Subject: DOH Final Regulation #3147 School Immunizations

Dear Members,

I am writing to you because I have serious concerns about the proposed regulations as they currently read. The Department disregarded the concerns of the majority of commenters who oppose the unreasonable change of the provisional period from 8 months to 5 days. This demonstrates complete lack of concern for the affected family. In addition, other concerns were not addressed such as the high cost of the meningitis mandate as well as adding 2 more mandated vaccines to a schedule which has not been rigorously and systematically studied for safety (Institute of Medicine 2013 Report). I am staunchly opposed to government mandates as They will ALWAYS result in harm or death to someone's child. The government is not interested in protecting vulnerable children which is why APPROPRIATELY designed studies of causality have never been done (Dr Bernadine Healy, former Director of NIH). Medical risk taking belongs in the hands of those who might potentially be harmed and their physician without government interference. I vaccinated all three of my children according to schedule and all three have suffered health consequences, one now deceased. As a pharmacist I was very trusting that adequate safety testing was done. Vaccines are classified as biologicals and do not have to undergo the same level of testing as pharmaceuticals. I did not know this even as a pharmacist The Department, an unelected body, needs to be held accountable to the people who will be most affected by the changes. I am asking that you, a regulatory oversight body, oppose the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

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