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**Subject:** Proposed IMM changes

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Dear Ms. Findley-

As a school nurse in the state of PA for 23 years I would like to go on record as stating that these changes are minimal in helping us to maintain optimal immunization rates in the state of PA as well as to help dispel the misperception that vaccines cause autism and other related complications.

Most of this has already been in place in my school district. I followed students through the 8 month provisional period checking to make sure that an appointment was set up for the next immunization in the series. These changes will only shorten the time and essentially I will STILL be following them as they complete the series with a doctor's schedule. It would be helpful to me if the state take on directly the misinformation that continually is being spread from a vocal minority, the chiropractic community as well as certain belief systems that immunization cause disease rather than protect from it.

None of the current changes will make any impact for me. At some point the growing belief to not immunize will make a large enough impact that the state will REALLY have to address this issue. The **philosophical objection** IS a growing beast that seems in spite of years of scientific evidence continues to grow and self perpetuate. I respectfully request that we take this issue on as California has before an outbreak of disease occurs. While parents would still have the right to not immunize they would then have to find alternative education arrangements rather than the public school systems putting medically fragile students at risk.

Thank you for caring about the health of students in Pennsylvania –

Sincerely

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