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Department of Health,

I am a home school mother of seven children, four raised and three adopted from China, which has decided it knows what is best for its families, thus the Two Child Policy. Millions of baby girls are abandoned every year because Chinese parents may not have more than two children, and are forced to choose to keep their baby boys to help them in their old age. My husband and I have adopted three girls in an effort to protect, love, and provide a home for them. I am working to protect the parental rights of all parents to do that.

America has always been regarded as the sweet land of liberty and was founded on the principles of individual liberty and self-government. But more and more, the rights of American parents to direct the care and upbringing of their children is being lost.

The proper function of our government is to protect individual liberty and prosecute crime. The rights of good parents, who know and love our children best, should be protected, not infringed. To assume that government knows best how to raise our children is to assume it has some superior intelligence or ability. If the decisions made by people are so bad that it is not good to permit people to be free, how is it that the decisions made by legislators are always good? Don't legislators belong to the human race? Or, do you believe that, if left undirected, mankind will destroy itself because our ability to self-govern is inadequate? Maybe you believe you have a superior intelligence that places you above us.

I ask that you give up the idea of forcing parents to acquiesce to your latest vaccination requirements. Not only are these new rules oppressive and unjust, they imply that government believes it is infallible and parents are incompetent.

Parents are presently *not required* to immunize their children until they are admitted to school. This requirement should be left unchanged.

Please protect the rights of parents to raise and direct the upbringing of our children in the way we believe is right.

Sincerely,  
Vickie Suarez