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RE: IRRC #3146 & 3147

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Dear Ms. Findley, Ms. Molchanow, and IRRC,

I'm writing to oppose some of the proposed changes to the vaccine policy for PA students.

I'd like to be clear that parental rights and informed consent regarding vaccination are my primary concerns. The fact that our federal lawmakers and, subsequently, the Supreme Court have done away with the accountability and liability of pharmaceutical companies for vaccine injuries, means that parents alone bear the burden and responsibility for all decisions and outcomes related to vaccine decisions. That's most important for you to remember, since neither you nor the pharmaceutical companies profiting from the vaccines will be there to help the parents and families of vaccine-injured children.

Your proposed changes pose difficulties as follows:

- Changing the provisional period from 240 to 5 days is ridiculous. 5 days wouldn't give any family the time they need to "catch up" with vaccines or file exemptions.
- Requiring a doctor or other medical practitioner to verify chicken pox is wrong in two ways: 1) Taking the child to the office while they have chicken pox is a SURE way to spread it. 2) Saying that parents can't vouch for the chicken pox is insulting. It undermines parental rights and authority and treats parents as either liars or idiots.
- Meningococcal Vaccine is unnecessary for such a rare disease, and the vaccine makers themselves note MANY adverse effects. Also, the legislature didn't bother with this when the bill was introduced because it's unneeded. Don't go around the lawmakers; we elected them, not you.
- The pertussis vaccine is suspect both in efficacy and safety. To add this to the ever-growing vaccine requirements for Kindergarteners is reckless.
- Please keep all the vaccines listed separately.
- Please make sure that all school districts are communicating the same information to parents by standardizing the language, especially being sure that parents are notified of their options for vaccine exemption.
- The theory of herd immunity is problematic both scientifically and philosophically. It's been disproven since we've seen 100% vaccinated communities still have outbreaks. Also, people are not "herds". We are individuals with inalienable rights bestowed on us by our Creator and guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States. We have the right to the sovereignty of our own bodies, and society's goals cannot interfere with those rights. Informed consent is a universal medical principle; we must be allowed to choose our own medical treatments, for we alone will bear the cost of the personal outcomes of what we choose.

Sincerely yours,

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