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Re: Proposal IRRC #3147, which changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania Code

Parents, who interact with their child(ren) daily, are more adept than medical doctors, who see the child(ren) for 15-30 minute well-child annual visits, to make medical decisions. "Herd immunity" debases the individual needs of each child of all races.

- 1) We believe some immunizations to be an effective means of keeping our children healthy.
- 2) We choose to only immunize when our children are otherwise healthy.
- 3) We choose to spread out the immunizations. Ten immunizations at 1x is unhealthy!
- 4) We respect other parents' decisions to not immunize their children.
- 5) The number of immunizations demanded in today's world is disconcerting.
- 6) Antibiotics exist in today's world which quickly heal.

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- 7) When taking my son for his 5 year well-check and 5 year vaccinations, the nurse refused to provide my son the 5 year vaccinations I requested. She insisted my son had already had his 5 year shots. As a parent, I knew my son had not had his shots. Upon investigation of the electronic medical records, we realized the nurse was looking at another child's medical records, who had the same name and birth date as my son. Their middle initial was different.
- 8) I have had to correct my children's electronic vaccination records showing dated, hand-written copies as documentation.
- 9) My nephew has seized after immunizations.
- 10) Friends have children who, after the chicken pox vaccine, developed severe allergies, lameness, and hearing loss.

A parent, whose child adversely reacts to an immunization, is legally and morally responsible for the child's well-being. With that responsibility, the parent should also be allowed the decision making choice.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rep. Zimmerman & Senator Aument