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As a father of two school age children, I am opposed to mandatory vaccination of any kind in order to enter any grade. I also happen to have a doctoral degree and masters of science degree in healthcare with an emphasis on public health from Kings College in Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania. I am not an outsider. I was born and raised in Pennsylvania and practice and live here with my wife and 2 children.

I believe legislatures and educators should be sure to surround themselves with people closely related to this field before they make these decisions.

The meningococcal vaccine.

The addition of this vaccine is not only unnecessary but would significantly raise costs and risks that far outweigh any possible benefit. The disease is extremely rare; the incidence rate for meningococcal disease, according to the CDC, is 0.3-0.5/100,000

Earlier this legislative session, a bill was introduced to mandate this vaccine for students entering 12th grade. The legislature did not see the necessity of such a mandate and thus chose not to act. The Department of Health is seeking to circumvent the legislative process in enforcing mandates that are not supported by lawmakers. This vaccine is already available to anyone who wants it.

According to the PA Department of Health EDDIE database, in 2014, there were only 16 new cases of meningitis. Vaccinating the estimated 147,040 seniors in 2014, would have cost parents and taxpayers over \$16,000,000. The CDC states that all serogroups of the disease are on the decline, including serogroup B, which is not even included in the vaccine.

It sounds to me like this is an income driven mandate, some one will make a lot of money with just this one single vaccine in just Pennsylvania.

Pertussis vaccine mandate for kindergarten.

Simply this is ineffective. We are currently seeing outbreaks of pertussis among fully vaccinated populations. The CDC and top doctors are verifying the lack of efficacy and the early waning of any immunity provided by this vaccine. In February 2016, The American Academy of Pediatrics published that Tdap provided moderate defense against the illness (pertussis) during the first year after vaccination but not much longer. Immunity waned during the second year, and little protection remained 2 to 3 years after vaccination. . It seems hasty to add a vaccine that is currently under scrutiny from the medical community to the requirements.

Vaccine Manufacturers for Meningitis Vaccines Have No Civil Liability. The 1986 law partially shielded drug companies selling vaccines in the U.S. from civil liability and, in 2011, the US Supreme Court completely shielded vaccine manufacturers from liability for FDA licensed and CDC recommended vaccines. There is no product liability or accountability for pharmaceutical companies marketing federally recommended and state mandated vaccines that injure Americans or cause their death, which makes flexible medical and non-medical vaccine exemptions in vaccine policies and laws the only way Americans can protect themselves and their children from vaccine risks and failures.

Thank You for your serious consideration on these potentially life changing laws through out the state of Pennsylvania.

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