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To Whom It May Concern:

I write with concerns about proposed regulations to 28 PA Code Ch.23:
3147 from the PA Department of Health
#3146 from the PA Department of Education

I begin with a general statement. I believe it is essential that the citizens of America have medical freedom—freedom over their own bodies—without fear of losing the privileges of citizenship, like education and employment. Vaccines are a medical intervention involving risk, and we must retain the right to opt out of them.

There is evidence that vaccines are not always safe (see VAERS, the “vaccine court,” and the product inserts), and not always effective (outbreaks always include vaccinated people coming down with the illness). There is no way to know ahead of time how sensitive a child (or adult) may be to vaccine ingredients. Therefore we must be free to choose our own risks in deciding whether or not to use vaccines.

I especially oppose the proposals to add required meningococcal vaccine for 12th graders and pertussis vaccine for kindergarteners. There are already too many required vaccines. Vaccines carry the risk of injury and death, as acknowledged by the US Government in 1986 when the National Child Vaccine Injury Act was created, so there must always be the option to opt out of vaccines, by anyone, for any reason. This is a very basic human freedom that must be preserved.

These are vital matters that concern every parent and child in the commonwealth, and I would hope that issues like this would be fully publicized, in the news, so that citizens can give input to their legislators.

I appreciate the work of The Pennsylvania Coalition for Informed Consent, which has sent in a detailed letter. Vaccinations can be permanently life-altering for the worse. I urge a protection of parental choice in the matter.

Sincerely,

Chara Daum, Citizen