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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to share my concerns regarding "**Non-immunized children document 6-336 IRRC #: 3146**". I am under the impression that this is the only document that is up for discussion. This is unfortunate, as I have concerns about the other legislation recently passed regarding new mandates for immunizations, but I will stick with the topic of "**Non-immunized children document 6-336 IRRC #: 3146**".

My first concern is, why is this statement still in the document, "may be provisionally admitted and attend public school for a period of up to 8 months", when the other new mandates require the booster vaccines within the first 5 days of school. This brings me to my second concern, that the first five days of school have multiple health related priorities. These are the critical days to share information regarding medical emergencies, Medical Action Plans and 504 plans with our parents and teachers new to this student for the new school year. School nurses are gathering information regarding new medical concerns and prescribed medications for our students since the prior school year. It would be extremely worthwhile and appreciated to extend the time frame from "first 5 days of school" to at least 30 or 60 days. This would allow families and nurses to carry out health related priorities, while also improving the immunization compliance for children in Pennsylvania.

If you would like to discuss further, you can contact me at 570-427-8687.
Thank you for your time,
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