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I am strongly opposed to the PA Dept of Health expanding control over my personal medical decisions, records, and choices, and those made by parents for their children.

The people of Pennsylvania made it very clear that we do not want this kind of power to be given to one individual that was going to dictate the lives and businesses of Pennsylvania. There is no reason to give this much power to the governor. I urge you to do what is right and stop these measures.

Private interactions and vaccination of minors without parental consent is unconscionable. A public-health emergency should not create unlimited government authority over children, and mandatory testing of all pregnant women is ridiculous. Sweeping mandates like masking should never have happened, and we must take measures to ensure it never happens again. This proposed regulation is an unpleasant example of government overreach into families' rights, personal health care, and everyday life. While I am in favor of protecting the general population in medical emergencies, the state can never take the place of the citizen and taxpayer's personal choices as they pertain to healthcare. No person should EVER have any medical treatment forced on them for ANY reason, no matter what is recommended.

My feelings also pertain to regulating food sources. There is always a risk of contamination, whether one purchases from local farmers or national grocery chain stores. That risk is assumed by each individual, and no amount of regulation is going to eliminate all risk. What it will do is put small farmers and related businesses out of business for no reason. Let the public assume the risks as each individual sees fit. I want to choose my food sources based on my own research and associations, not the government's biased and often corrupt mandates. Public health objectives should always be pursued using the least restrictive means reasonably available while respecting the constitutional rights of Pennsylvania residents. This proposed regulation does not fit that criteria.

Thank you,
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