

Additional Submitted Testimony on H.98, Vaccinations Sections

(Via phone and e-mail, mostly)

[Currently being updated, 3/12/15 –please check back later for additional testimony]

Dear House Committee on Health Care:

I vehemently oppose the removal of the Philosophical Exemption of vaccines for school children.

Very appalling to hear doctors, politicians, and bureaucrats make statements and claims about the supposed proven safety of vaccines, when the facts show much to the contrary. They look like naïve industrial-medical-complex minions when the FACT is the federal government has the National Vaccine Information Compensation Program, which has paid out almost \$3 BILLION in legal fees and damages to patients severely injured by vaccines, and it is estimated that only 10% of vaccine injuries are reported and only 25% of injuries wind their way through the long and grueling vaccine kangaroo-court system to be awarded damages. Yet these minions claim all vaccines are proven safe and they should be forced on children.

The National Vaccine Information Compensation Program exists because the manufacturers of the vaccines are exempt from liability for damages caused by their products. I wonder if Public Servants who make claims of safety can be held liable. Maybe Health Commissioner Dr. Harry Chen should be sued when a child becomes vaccine-injured. Maybe politicians and doctors can be sued also and be held liable for making such public pronouncements. Is the State of Vermont open to liability in such cases?

Seems like a conflict of interest to me when doctors are urging vaccinations, and their medical schooling and practice revenue is so heavily tied to the pharmaceutical industry. Follow the money!

Proponents of forced vaccination contend that the unvaccinated put others at risk. Well, if the vaccines work so well, what are they worried about? In fact, the opposite is true. Many vaccines are LIVE VIRUSES that actually 'shed' and contaminate others. It is a FACT that vaccines such as the MMR, Whooping Cough, and Flu Shots shed live viruses. This information is contained in the manufacturers vaccine inserts that comes in the vaccine packaging. Parents don't have a constitutionally protected right to decide not to shoot-up their child with live viruses or foreign DNA such as animals and insects, or other ingredients that are banned in other countries? Is it any surprise that government officials are becoming less credible and less legitimate.

By the way, there have been many adjudicated cases of the MMR vaccine causing autism (Refer to National Vaccine Information Compensation Program).

I would like to bring to your attention Representative David Sawicki, a member of the legislature in Maine. He has introduced LD 950 "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination Against a Person Who Is Not Vaccinated". This is a personal matter for his family since his child got Type 1 Diabetes after receiving an MMR vaccine. LD 950 reads, "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person, employer or educational institution may not discriminate against an individual because that individual has refused a vaccination." We need courageous Public Servants in Vermont like Rep. Sawicki, not authoritarians.

I submit the following links to documents for your consideration of facts pertaining to the issues with vaccines:

1. http://www.merck.com/product/usa/pi_circulars/m/mmr_ii/mmr_ii_pi.pdf - This is the vaccine insert for the Merck MMR vaccine. It lists Death, Diabetes, and Encephalitis (symptoms that Autism shows up as) as just a few of the many Adverse Reactions.
2. <http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/index.html> - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 'National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program'.
3. <http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2012/06/25/mmr-vaccine-caused-autism.aspx> - Well referenced article by Dr. Mercola, D.O. about Italian court ruling MMR vaccine caused autism in child.

4. <http://www.ageofautism.com/2015/01/recent-italian-court-decisions-on-vaccines-and-autism.html> - A different, more recent Italian court ruling of vaccines causing autism in child.
5. <http://drtenpenny.com> - Website of Dr. Sherri Tenpenny, D.O., vaccine expert with 15 years and 20,000+ hours of personal research into vaccines.
6. <http://vaccineresearchlibrary.com> - The Vaccine Research Library was started by Dr. Tenpenny, D.O. You can search all scientific material related to vaccines.
7. <http://archives2015.gcnlive.com/Archives2015/feb15/PowerHour/0206153.mp3> - Archived radio interview with Dr. Sherri Tenpenny, D.O. regarding vaccines. In this interview she tells how Merck is currently litigating two court cases about the MMR vaccine and fabricated data on their part. These cases came about from multiple whistleblowers.

With all the serious financial matters the State is facing, it seems the legislature is too eager to increase budgets, raise taxes, and pass 'people control' legislation, violating our constitutionally protected individual liberties. Always seems they have something controversial up there sleeve to rush through before the end of each session, instead of having extensive testimony, and serious debate that these most important issues deserve. You Public Servants take an oath to the Vermont Constitution, which is there to protect our rights from government abuse. Removing the philosophical exemption for vaccines is about as unconstitutional as it gets. Maybe the most fundamental constitutionally protected individual liberty is deciding what enters your or your child's bodies.

Please take all of this information into consideration.

Respectfully,

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5/11/15

Dear Committee Members,

I thought this news was timely given the current debate.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/bad-vaccines-kill-2-babies-sicken-29-chiapas-mexico-n356906>

Bad Vaccines Kill 2 Babies, Sicken 29 in Chiapas, Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's public health system has suspended infant vaccines after two babies died and 29 were sickened in an impoverished community.

Six of the 29 babies are in grave condition after receiving vaccinations for tuberculosis, rotovirus and Hepatitis B, which are generally administered between 0 and 6 months, according to a national schedule.

The cause of the adverse reactions is not known, the Mexican Institute for Social Security said Sunday. The institute said it stopped vaccines nationwide on Saturday as a precaution.

The Rev. Marcelo Perez, a Roman Catholic priest, told The Associated Press that families of the babies said they became sick within hours. The adverse reactions started Friday and the babies were being treated in a hospital in Simojovel, Chiapas, where 93 percent of the people live in poverty, 69 percent in extreme poverty, according to government statistics.

The hospital "doesn't have adequate personnel or equipment," Perez said. "The real problem is the terrible conditions we have ... so that when a baby comes in with convulsions, he leaves dead."

- The Associated Press

Regards,

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May 11, 2015

Subject: H.98, preserving the philosophical exemption

Respected Health Care Committee Members:

Thank you for providing a public forum for discussion of the philosophical exemption. I have points not voiced by those who spoke and hope they may be included as comment via this email.

I was vaccine injured, acutely ill for several years, at risk for my life. Medicine had no solution. Consequently, I have strong sympathy for the concerns of immune compromised persons, having been that person myself. My point is not, however, that vaccines can cause injury. My point is that there are other means to secure high quality and, in my experience, superior immunity with none of the potential risks. I restored my immune system at a fundamental level by natural means and now enjoy robust immunity, as does my family. I have had two one-day illnesses and I believe one, perhaps two colds in the last twenty-seven years as I refined my methods.

These measures include, but are not limited to:

1. Maintaining the integrity of skin and membranes.
2. Ordinary cleanliness.
3. Maintaining correct pH, mineralization and salinity via diet and broad salts. (Estimated to provide some 90% non-specific immunity.)
4. Preventive and therapeutic use of oils and herbs directly affecting pathogens.
5. Preventive and therapeutic use of oils and herbs that aid immune cells in their functions.
6. Use of AUT, a highly effective, bespoke form of medicine containing antibodies, etc.
7. Maintaining the microbiome (estimated to provide 75% non-specific immunity).

The microbiome co-evolved with the human immune system. It digests our food, completes metabolic pathways, influences brain function, and generates antibiotics specific to pathogens. At 10 trillion cells, it dwarfs the size of the human immune system, which is not evolved to be a front-line defense.

Another area of concern is research showing that the rate of information exchange among microorganisms is accelerating exponentially, and that they have begun to communicate across genus lines, exchanging information about virulence and resistance. We will not be able to out-vaccinate this trend. I in no way want to dissuade those who choose to pursue immunity through vaccination *for themselves*. However, given new developments, there needs to be a portion of the human population who is experienced with building and maintaining broad, deep, resilient, real-time, non-specific immunity. This is not compatible with vaccination.

Another concern is that we may be trading bad disease for worse. One example: the association of atypical measles in vaccinated persons with higher rates of cancer, an issue of personal concern as I was diagnosed multiple times with measles, made possible by vaccination.

Finally, I am concerned that medical exemption is not realistically available. Three of my son's family members have experienced serious vaccine reactions, yet when I have asked to discuss this with pediatricians, I have been cut off mid-sentence, told that family history has no bearing, and that apart from a little redness and swelling, vaccines are safe.

Please preserve the philosophical exemption.

Kathleen Sauer
West Brookfield, VT

Dear House Committee on Health Care:

The purpose for my communication is to strongly oppose the removal of the philosophical and religious exemptions as contemplated in House Bill 212. Whether to vaccinate a child should be the sole decision of a parent.

This bill removes fundamental individual rights to determine what is injected into one's own body and their children's bodies.

Furthermore, this bill is the beginning of what I believe will be a launching pad for subsequent bills that will continue to pull in mandatory requirements until the State requires all Vermonters to inject themselves with the next designer pharmaceutical on the market. This has been and continues to be the pattern/goal in other states and there is no reason to believe it will be different here in Vermont.

Vermont has a valued tradition of respecting diverse views and practices including taking care of one's own health. The laws already in place today are sufficient and proper.

I respectfully request you do not support the removal of these exemptions which I believe are a fundamental human right. Thank you for considering this carefully before you cast your vote.

Sincerely,
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Dear Legislators,

We write to ask you to support eliminating the philosophical exemption for vaccinations in Vermont. As nurses, we believe vaccinations are important for our public health.

We know that Vermont's immunization rates are going down, and that more people in Vermont are using the "philosophical exemption" to avoid vaccinating their children before they enter school. We also know the majority of Vermont parents do not support the philosophical exemption.

As the House considers H.98, we urge you to support the repeal of the philosophical exemption that has already been passed by the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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5/11/15

Dear Loring Starr:

I am sorry I cannot make it to Montpelier to submit my testimony in person on the issue of removing the philosophical exemption. Here is what I want to submit:

To the Chair and Members of the House Health Care Committee:

I urge you to consider the philosophical exemption and the religious exemption as a single personal belief exemption, and retain or remove them together. The philosophical exemption serves as the religious exemption for atheists, and allowing people of faith to opt-out and not allowing non-religious people to opt out is clearly discrimination based on religion.

Going further, it is simply not good policy to allow people to opt out of vaccination with no scientific reason (ie religious belief), but not to allow people to opt out who have studied the data and concluded that there is some valid scientific reason not to vaccinate their children. Whatever you decide about the philosophical exemption, please make the same decision about the religious exemption.

Thank you.

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May 10, 2015
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Dear Members of The House Committee on Health Care,

I have been a doctor since 1997 and am a Calais resident. I would like to urge you to keep as much freedom of choice regarding vaccinations as possible. The science is simply not clear enough to take this choice away from parents.

I was present at the committee hearings on the mandatory vaccination issue, this week. I, like you, heard highly trained and qualified professionals, including MDs, providing testimony on both sides of this issue.

When physicians or other highly-trained professionals from either side of the issue say things like, "the science on this is clear" or "unassailable," perhaps they are looking only at the science that support their own views--but they cannot be looking at all the science, because it is anything but "clear" or "unassailable," otherwise there would not be physicians and highly educated, thoughtful individuals standing and citing science on both sides of this issue and plenty who may be confused themselves, (understandably).

I personally have a friend who contracted a chronic, debilitating disorder after receiving a vaccination. The government was sufficiently convinced to award this person a sizable financial settlement. Would it be right to force this person to give the same shot to their child, who may have the same genetic sensitivity?

It would be equally insensitive to deny parents the right to vaccinate their children, even though there is evidence that they come with risks.

The only clear thing here is that the science is decidedly unclear on risk vs. benefit, when even professionals disagree.

I am neither entirely pro nor anti-all vaccines. I am decidedly pro choice on this issue. I have been a doctor since 1997 (and had a busy private practice for 13 of the years in there) and have devoted much of my life to matters of health. I wouldn't dream of telling a parent what to do on this issue, besides try to educate themselves on this complicated, decidedly messy choice and choose their risks and make their decisions accordingly. I would be appalled if someone else were given the power to make this choice for me.

I deeply believe this should be a parent's choice and not the legislature's. Again, the science is not clear enough to warrant taking this choice away from parents.

Thank you.

With kind regard,
Claudia Welch

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Dr. Claudia Welch

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Dear Committee Members,

Based on our written testimony below, I can't help but think about the financial impact of removing the philosophical exemption, given the nature of the work I do as a financial advisor.

1. Has the State considered how Schools will afford increased budgeting demands for Special Needs programs? Vaccination injuries have been linked to several neurological conditions. Ex: Autism rates have increased exponentially in recent years along with other neurological disorders like attention deficit, etc. I don't remember ever seeing such large special needs program at schools today compared to when I was a child. Is this a coincidence or not?
2. For those choosing to avoid public schools because of forced vaccine mandates, will there be a property tax adjustment?
3. How about a State Income tax adjustment?
4. How will this affect the long-term economic job market when vaccine injuries may keep people from working? Worker's compensation claims? Increased Disability or Medicaid claims when deficits already exist in those programs?
5. Has the State considered liability for lawsuits brought against school districts, etc?

In my opinion, the H98 stifles economic viability of above programs and creates an untold story of how future Vermont generations will be impacted by vaccine injuries. It's important to read vaccine ingredient labels and be aware of both mercury and aluminum neurotoxins contained within them with known side effects. Studies are inconclusive and data is concealed. Doctors are only as good as their training. As a Parent, I want the best for my children and am acting on facts and experience, not myth or possibility of unknown. There is a medical risk of vaccine injury which we have already experienced. I have to advocate for my children's lives.

Please allow us to protect our children from another seizure, from another neurological disorder.....from a vaccine injury.

Sincerely,

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May 10, 2015
Subject: Written testimony H98
Dear Committee Members,

Please preserve the philosophical vaccine exemption and protect informed consent for medical risk taking. There has been much discussion about removing the exemption to protect individuals who cannot receive vaccines. A few years ago there was a H1N1 influenza scare. My son has a life-threatening egg allergy and could not receive that vaccine. I asked his daycare teachers if they had or were going to get the vaccine, in order to protect him. One of the teachers replied that she had had a bad reaction to the flu vaccine in the past and did not want to go thru that again. I realized that it was not right for me to ask someone else to risk injury in order to protect my son.

Vaccines are pharmaceutical products with inherent risks (package inserts: <http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/ucm093833.htm>), and the pharmaceutical companies that manufacture them and the health providers who administer them have no liability for vaccine injuries and death (<http://www.nvic.org/NVIC-Vaccine-News/March-2011/No-Pharma-Liability--No-Vaccine-Mandates-.aspx>). In 1988 the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program was established as a no-fault alternative to the traditional tort system for resolving vaccine injury claims and provides compensation to people found to be injured by certain vaccines (<http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/index.html>). The US government has paid out more than 3 billion dollars to victims of vaccine injury (<http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/statisticsreport.pdf>). Vaccine injuries including death are real and you cannot predict how an individual will respond to a vaccine.

At age 2 my son was hospitalized and hooked to an EEG machine for a week for suspected seizures. He was diagnosed with a neurological condition called paroxysmal tonic upgaze (PTU). Vaccination is a known trigger for PTU (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15737699>, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=paroxysmal+tonic+upgaze+reappraisal+outcome>). We have filed the philosophical exemption for my son since then, and also for his younger sister. Why you may think my son would easily qualify for the medical exemption, we spoke with our pediatrician and he stated that he would have to think about granting my son a medical exemption. Our pediatrician has never completed a medical exemption before and is concerned that if the child got a vaccine preventable disease he would be liable. He told us to keep using the philosophical exemption. He also said that he wouldn't support my daughter getting a medical exemption, even with the family history of her brother's condition and my own autoimmune conditions, because she hasn't had a reaction yet. You can't undo vaccine reactions or permanent damage. That is why there always needs to be a choice. Please vote to preserve the philosophical exemption. We will relocate out of Vermont to avoid vaccine mandates.

Sincerely,

Heather Kendall & Michael Junga
Heather Kendall, PhD Microbiology & Molecular Genetics and Michael Junga
Hinesburg, VT

Dear Representatives Dakin, Buxton, Christie, Dickenson, McCormack, Miller, Poirier, Sullivan, Till, and McLinn,

I am emailing you to show my support for H.212. As a member of a community in which only 43% of us vaccinate our children, I am increasingly concerned with the anti-science mentality that is driving this issue. I am well read on both sides of the vaccine debate, and I find the anti-vaccine research to be seriously flawed in both methodology and interpretation.

To give a brief but illustrative example, the anti-vaxxers claim that measles was on its way out all on its own, and that the introduction of the vaccine did not play any part in this, and is therefore ineffective. However, a close look at the graph they use to make this point references the number of deaths from measles per 100,000, not the number of cases of measles. In other words, we did get better at keeping people with measles alive, but we did not reduce the number of measles cases. Furthermore, the close to zero deaths from measles per 100,000 people still adds up to 400-500 deaths per year, and does not even include those who suffer brain damage or other debilitating effects. That is a lot of children to lose to a disease that is preventable by a vaccine with a 99.999% safety rating.

Every claim the anti-vaxxers make turns out to be a case of misinterpreting the data, considering the data out of context, leaving out other highly relevant information, or blatantly refusing to accept modern science.

As I see it, the bottom line is this: yes, vaccines do carry risks, but the risks associated with the diseases themselves are far more frequent and more severe than those associated with the vaccines.

I am also attaching the draft of an article that I am co-authoring with a local pediatrician. There is much more to be said on the topic, but this article presents the approach of weighing the risks versus the stakes.

Again, I fully support this bill.

Thank you for your hard work and time.

Karen Vatz
East Montpelier

Dear Honorable Chair Lippert and Members of the House Health Care Committee:

Below is a fact sheet from Alan Phillips, Esq an attorney I've consulted with who specializes in the legality of vaccines and vaccine exemptions in the United States.

I reached out to him last week when I had questions as to whether or not the proposed amendment of May 8 would protect my individual rights as a Vermont resident.

He has raised legal concerns about the May 8 amendment. Until it is made clear to me that voicing those concerns will offer more help than harm, I would like his legal point of view to be considered during this May 11 public comment period.

**Thank you,
Marcella Eversole
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Vaccine Fact Summary

- 1. In 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that vaccines are “unavoidably unsafe.” *Bruesewitz v. Wyeth LLC*, 131 S. Ct. 1068, 179 L.Ed.2d 1 (2011).¹**
- 2. National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP) vaccine injury and death payouts:²**
 - a. Total to date (1989-2015): \$ 3.1 Billion**
 - b. Average annual payout 2005-2009: \$ 75,630,051 per year**
 - c. Average annual payout 2010-2014: \$221,822,386 per year**
 - d. Cases pending: 1,943**
- 3. There is vast underreporting of vaccine adverse events. FDA: As few as 1% of serious adverse reactions are reported.³ CDC: Only about 10% are reported.⁴ Congress: Has heard testimony that medical students are told not to report suspected adverse events, ⁵ yet, federal law requires doctors to do so.⁶ National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) survey: 1 out of 40 doctor's offices (2.5%) in New York report a death or injury following vaccination. ⁷ Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS): Only 10% of serious vaccine adverse events are reported.⁸**
- 4. The Federal Court of Claims lists about 140 attorneys that accept vaccine injury and death cases.⁹ This number has been steadily increasing in recent years.**
- 5. The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 (NCVIA) shields vaccine manufacturers from liability for the death and disability caused by their vaccines. There is no financial incentive for manufacturers to produce safer vaccines.¹⁰**
- 6. 90-95% of 1900's infectious disease decline preceded the vaccines.¹¹ Absence of vaccination will not bring back infectious disease rates of pre-vaccine days.**
- 7. According to the CDC:**
 - a. Vaccines are 85 – 95% effective (5 - 15% of children do not develop immunity from their vaccines), and most outbreaks start in vaccinated children.¹²**
 - b. The median vaccine exemption rate in the U.S. is 1.8%.¹³ There are more than 5+ times more non-immune *vaccinated* children than exempt children.**
 - c. Exempt children can get natural immunity, without even developing symptoms.¹⁴ You can't tell a child's immune status based on their immunization status.**
- 8. The American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics recommends “medical, religious, or philosophic” exemptions to immunizations for medical doctors.¹⁵**
- 9. The pharmaceutical industry is the biggest defrauder of the federal government under the False Claims Act.¹⁶ In the last 5 years, \$19.2 billion were returned from attempts to defraud federal health programs, more than double that of the previous 5 years (as of February 2014).¹⁷**
- 10. In 8 years (2004-2012), there were twenty pharmaceutical company settlements in the \$345**

million to \$3 billion range.¹⁸ Criminal fines in the \$100's of millions are common, and have been as high as \$1 billion (Pfizer 2009, GlaxoSmithKline 2012). This is routine business practice.

11. Merck, manufacturer of the mumps vaccine, is going to trial in two separate lawsuits for allegedly falsifying the efficacy rate of its mumps vaccine. One suit was filed by former employeewhistleblowers,

the other by pharmaceutical competitors.¹⁹

Conclusions:

1. The diseases have extremely low mortality rates in developed nations. Vaccines kill and permanently disable far more children than the diseases, and disease mortality decline preceded vaccines.

2. Individual freedom of choice provides a necessary "check and balance" to the pharmaceutical industry's overreaching, no-liability, marketing influence over vaccine policy and law.

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3. No one should ever be required to take a product from an industry that routinely engages in large-scale criminal behavior.

4. State legislatures should not allow themselves to become unwitting public marketing divisions of the private pharmaceutical industry.

1 Bruesewitz v. Wyeth LLC, <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/10pdf/09-152.pdf>

2 NVICP Statistics Report, February 2015,

<http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/statisticsreport.pdf>

3 Less than 1%, according to Barbara Fisher, citing former FDA Commissioner David Kessler, 1993, JAMA,

Statement of the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC), Hearing of the House Subcommittee on

Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, "Compensating Vaccine Injuries: Are Reforms Needed?" September 28, 1999.

4 American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, Fact Sheet on Mandatory Vaccines at <http://www.aapsonline.org/>.

5 Jane Orient, M.D., Director of the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, "Mandating Vaccines: Government Practicing Medicine Without a License?" 1999.

6 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-25.

7 National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC), 512 Maple Ave. W. #206, Vienna, VA 22180, 703-938-0342;

"Investigative Report on the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System."

8 Statement of the AAPS to the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources of

the Committee on Government Reform U.S. House of Representatives, Re: Hepatis B Vaccine, Jane Orient,

MD, June 14, 1999, <http://www.aapsonline.org/testimony/hepbcom.htm>

9 <http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/20141208%20Vaccine%20Attorneys.pdf>

10 See the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-1 et seq., and Bruesewitz v.

Wyeth, LLC, supra.

11 See, e.g., graphs here: <http://www.theoneclickgroup.co.uk/documents/vaccines/Immunization%20Graphs%20PPT%20-%20RO%202009.pdf>, <https://childhealthsafety.wordpress.com/graphs/>

12 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines and Immunizations, Misconception #2. The majority of people who get disease have been vaccinated. The original link,

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/6mishome.htm>, is now directed to a new CDC page that does not state

these facts (but does not state contrary facts). The original CDC page can be viewed here:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20150120055820/http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/6mishome.htm>

13 Vaccination Coverage Among Children in Kindergarten – United States 2012-2013 School Year, Morbidity

and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), CDC,

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6230a3.htm?s_cid=mm6230a3_eThe

14 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines and Immunizations, Glossary,

“Asymptomatic

infection: The presence of an infection without symptoms. Also known as inapparent or subclinical infection.”

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/about/terms/glossary.htm>

15 American Medical Association, Opinion 9.133 Routine Universal Immunization of Physicians,

[http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/medical-ethics/code-medicaethics/](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/medical-ethics/code-medicaethics/opinion9133.page)

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16 “Public Citizen Study: Pharmaceutical Industry Is Biggest Defrauder of the Federal Government Under the

False Claims Act,” Dec. 20, 2010, [http://www.pharmpro.com/news/2010/12/public-citizen-](http://www.pharmpro.com/news/2010/12/public-citizen-studypharmaceutical-)

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17 False Claims Act Whistleblowing Blog, February 2014 archive,

<http://www.fraudwhistleblowersblog.com/2014/02/>

18 List of largest pharmaceutical settlements (2004 – 2012), Wikipedia,

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_pharmaceutical_settlements

19 Lawsuits claiming Merck lied about mumps vaccine efficacy headed to trial, F

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5/11/15

To the Honorable Representatives of the House Health Care Committee:

Isn't denying public and private services to people who choose to work with disease differently than current established medical practices considered a form of discrimination? It sure feels like it. If manufacturers are telling the truth about vaccines, 5 to 20% of those that receive them fail to acquire an immunity. There is no difference between the public health risk of the vaccinated child that fails to respond to the vaccine and the unvaccinated child.

At one time, white people were afraid of colored people, requiring them to use separate facilities until it was made clear that that kind of discrimination is unacceptable. Now, are we doing the same thing to those that do not comply with our shifting approaches to medicine?

Yes, government has a job to do. In addition to protecting vulnerable populations, it must protect the lives of the vaccine injured and the right of individuals to choose what medicine they put into their bodies.

But, unless we use Titer Blood Tests to scientifically prove who has immunity to disease and who doesn't, we're really just discriminating against families who do not comply with the accepted medical practices of the day.

Do not pass H.98 with the exemption repeal tacked on.

Sincerely,
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Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

I am writing in support of this bill that would dispense with the philosophical exemption for childhood vaccinations for children attending Vermont schools.

It is widely known that in states where religious exemptions require a burden of proof, such as a letter with signatures of clergy attesting that vaccination is against the guiding principles of that religion, have lower rates of non-vaccination. These barriers serve to protect our children in our schools from those who simply choose not to follow the scientific and medical recommendations and threaten public health.

Arguments that diseases such as measles are benign or self-limiting are also incorrect as recent research has shown that those who contract measles have suppressed immune systems and are vulnerable to many other illnesses for years after they recover.

I urge you to act as the guardians for our public health and support this measure to discontinue the philosophical exemption for vaccination.

Thank you,

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Text for replying to submitted testimony:

Thank you for your commentary on H.98 and vaccinations. The House Health Care Committee compiles submitted testimony and posts that testimony to the Committee website. The document of compiled submissions is called “Additional Submitted Testimony on H.98, Vaccinations Sections”, and is filed on the Committee web page, under H.98. Your comments have been added to that document.
Thank you for your interest in H.98.

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