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To the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

I do not support a repeal of the philosophical exemption for child vaccinations.

I strongly feel that parents have the right to direct the healthcare of their children.

In light of the controversy surrounding increasingly aggressive vaccination programs and the lack of time-tested outcomes in relation to vaccines, I feel that legislation toward enforced vaccination is not in the interests of public health. Medications affect different people differently. There is no one vaccination protocol that can be right for every child. This is an individual matter. We need more education, not medical mandates.

Recent discoveries in cellular biology are revealing the complexity of the immune system. As we educate ourselves further in this field,

I believe we will find different answers for supporting lifelong health and wellbeing. A healthy immune system can overcome much challenge from disease. Let's put our attention there to developing healthy immune systems, rather than introduce untested medications to the delicate systems of infants.

We all need more education on what vaccines are made of, how they actually impact the body systems, and their longterm consequences before we make laws to mandate them.

I'm sincerely shocked that Vermont, a State that is leading the way in environmental concerns, farm to table agriculture and other progressive issues, is undermining citizen rights to make choices about such significant personal issues as their health.

Sincerely,

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