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The Foundation For Pediatric Health is an organization focused on educating parents about the current epidemic of chronic childhood illnesses and empowering parents to make informed decisions, in order to provide the next generation of children with more optimal health outcomes. It has been brought to our attention that you may support mandatory vaccinations without a parent's right to choose. Specifically, it was reported that you tell parents that vaccines have been conclusively proven safe. Perhaps you are not aware that the CDC has misled the public on what studies have actually been performed regarding vaccines and autism. Accordingly, we extend this challenge to you: Provide a single study which has compared the autism rate in children who received the Hib and Hepatitis B vaccines to the rate in children who did not receive those vaccines. These vaccines are chosen because they were introduced in 1985-1991, the same timeframe in which autism rates began rapidly increasing.

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The Foundation For Pediatric Health has performed an extensive review of the research listed on the CDC website, and none of the listed research actually studied the Hib and Hepatitis B vaccines (see attached review). The CDC research has studied just one ingredient in some vaccines, and just one vaccine (the MMR for measles-mumps-rubella). We identified only one population study on either of these vaccines that has been conducted, and that independent study found a 3x increased risk of autism associated with administering the Hepatitis B vaccine at birth. Why haven't studies been performed by the CDC? According to an article by Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

A senior CDC vaccine safety scientist, Dr. William Thompson, has invoked the protection of the Federal Whistleblower Statute following the release of his taped conversations disclosing pervasive corruption within CDC's Vaccine Safety Division. Dr. Thompson told Dr. Hooker that "[CDC researchers] are not doing what they should be doing because they're afraid to look for things that might be associated [with autism]." Thompson says that corruption is so rooted within the Immunization Safety Office that the only way to get to the truth now is for Congress to take the vaccine safety research away from CDC and give it to independent contractors who can create a transparent process.

It is wrong to attempt to coerce parents to vaccinate a child with a vaccine that could have far more risk than benefit, and the only existing scientific evidence suggests that the Hib and Hepatitis B vaccines have contributed to the autism epidemic. The CDC has reported that the autism rate is 1 in 68. Contrast that to the risk from Hib disease in the prevaccine era (1 in 106,000 risk of death). Or to the risk of an infant developing acute hepatitis, which is effectively zero risk for the 479 of 480 live births to mothers who are not Hepatitis B-positive.

We urge you to support parents' right to choose regarding vaccination for their child. Please send your response within 5 days to info@findoutwhocares.org. References for information provided in this letter can be found in the eBook "Vaccines: Today's Parental Guide to Vaccine Awareness" at the www.FindOutWhoCares.org website.

Thank you,

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