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Dr. Mike Leonardi,

The Foundation For Pediatric Health is an organization focused on educating the public about the current epidemic of chronic childhood illness. Our goal is to empower parents to make informed health decisions in order to provide the next generation of children with more optimal outcomes. When we called your office, your staff informed us that you refuse to treat pediatric patients who are not fully vaccinated according to the CDC recommended schedule. One of the reasons a growing number of parents are declining some or all vaccines is the valid concern that vaccines may trigger autism. Perhaps you are not aware that the CDC has misled the public on what studies have actually been performed regarding vaccines and autism.

The Foundation For Pediatric Health has performed an extensive review of the research listed on the CDC website as "proof" that vaccines don't cause autism, and none of the studies involved the Hib and Hepatitis B vaccines (see attached review). The CDC has studied just one ingredient in some vaccines, and just one vaccine (the MMR for measles-mumps-rubella) in regards to autism causation. We identified only one population study involving the Hib or Hepatitis B 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.

Essentially, you are coercing parents to comply with a vaccine program that includes at least two untested vaccines, given repeatedly in the first two years of life. As a healthcare provider you are morally and ethically obligated to "First, do no harm." Furthermore the state grants vaccine exemptions to parents as a fundamental human right. When you attempt to force parents to vaccinate or threaten to refuse care, you are hindering access to healthcare.

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 skyrocketed.

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.

The CDC has reported that the autism rate is 1 in 68. Contrast the autism rate with the risk from Hib disease in the pre-vaccine era (1 in 106,000 risk of death), or the risk of an infant developing acute hepatitis, which is effectively zero percent of live births to mothers who are not Hepatitis B-positive.

We urge you to support a 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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