

### Conscientious Exemption to Mandatory Vaccination (A260/S1071)

Situation: Nineteen U.S. states offer the conscientious or philosophical exemption to mandatory state vaccination. New Jersey is not one of them, and only allows exemptions for medical or religious reasons.

Problem: NJ mandates more vaccinations than any other state. We have the highest incidence of autism and a huge and growing population of chronically ill, special needs and neurodevelopmentally-injured children. The CDC and vaccine manufacturers have not studied how vaccines react in combination with each other. Vaccine ingredients have never been adequately safety-tested for use in young children. Existing science ties vaccines and vaccine ingredients to chronic and neurodevelopmental disorders. Over 90% of the flu vaccine supply contains 25 mcg of mercury, a known neurotoxin. This is now being given to very young children because the flu shot is required for children ages 6 to 59 months for daycare and preschool.

Complication: Some parents will always have a legitimate reason to vary from a standard vaccine protocol with reasons that cannot and should never be government-legislated. Religious and medical exemptions submitted by parents are often challenged and rejected. The approval process is inconsistent and confusing. The religious exemption forces parents into an all or none status which does not serve our children. Some parents avoid going to the doctor and/or homeschool their children to avoid the pressure or requirement to vaccinate.

Solution: Provide NJ parents with vaccination choice by voting yes on Bill A260/S1071, the Conscientious Exemption to Mandatory Immunization. At noon today in front of the State House, nearly one thousand people including parents, medical doctors and other professionals are gathering to rally for vaccination choice. Reasons include:

- **For any procedure that can injure and kill, you must give people choice.** The government compensates affected families through "Vaccine Court." Vaccine makers list severe adverse reactions in their package inserts including encephalopathy, diabetes, arthritis, anaphylaxis, nerve deafness, febrile convulsions and seizures, pneumonia, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, SIDS and death.
- **Our children are guinea pigs.** NJ is the only state to mandate the flu shot which has never been proven safe or effective in children and is controversial for adults. Parents know this. The flu vaccine is reformulated each year, precluding long-term safety studies.
- **A vaccine-autism connection** was determined by the Federal Vaccine Court this year.
- Long-term, double-blind placebo-controlled research, the **gold standard of scientific inquiry, is not done for vaccines.**
- **Conflicts of interest are egregious.** Drug companies and doctors are protected from most vaccine liability.
- The status quo promotes the **sacrificial mentality** that a life lost to vaccine injury is acceptable to possibly prevent a case of infectious disease. We have never been a people who will sacrifice a subset of children for any cause. These ethics are worrisome.

Presently A260/S1071 has broad, bipartisan support with a total of 34 sponsors listed on the reverse. Join your colleagues in supporting this important legislation.

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