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Ms Leanne Linard

I object most strongly to your proposal to mandate vaccinating children before they are allowed to enter childcare, and I do so for the following reasons.

I regard it as dangerous at best that young children are required to have a cocktail of chemicals, pathogens viruses and recombinant genes injected into them without prior testing for contra-indications to vaccines due to their genetic makeup. I base this partly on my own grandchildren who are lactose intolerant and have strong allergic reactions to things in their environment that may not affect others such as strong perfumes and soaps.

The children's mother suffers from genetic thalassemia and severe anemia which is familial. The children father, my son of 28 yrs of age, like me carries the HLAB27 gene which predisposes us to autoimmune disorders for which he is now showing signs of and is in chronic pain and disablement. Investigations are at this point inconclusive as to the cause, yet the correlation I have submitted for perusal to the medical specialists with his history of vaccinations and having the HLAb27 gene has been arbitrarily dismissed.

Any adult about to undergo a medical procedure is asked about any allergies to such things as penicillin or particular anaesthetics. The medical practitioners don't want to be left having to treat a condition brought on by and adverse reaction. Nor do they want the legal ramifications. That caution is exercised with individual medications, yet your government is proposing across the board injections of a variety of medications into society's youngest and most vulnerable with no prior testing and no legal recourse against the government if problems arise.

This is a nightmare scenario for many parents who, because of economic circumstance, have no choice but to vaccinate their children for childcare so they can work to put food on the table. They will not and neither will the medical practitioners know if the children have allergies to vaccinations. They also, in all probability not be aware of a family history of autoimmune disorders being relevant and contra-indicative. Parents are reduced to trusting that the government and pharmaceutical companies are acting in their best interests. Mandating vaccinations without prior testing and investigations to alleviate the chance of adverse events goes against a fundamental principle of medicine to "First do no harm".

Below are links to studies on which I base my concerns.

1. The genetic predisposition to adverse events was co-authored by immunologist Professor Yehuda Shoenfeld and published in the journal of

autoimmunity. Professor Shoenfeld and his team coined the phrase A.S.I.A (autoimmune syndrome induced by adjuvants) to describe the adverse reactions from vaccinations in genetically predisposed children. http://www.2ndchance.info/onesize4all-Perricone2013.pdf

2. A study by Dr J. Bart Classen that looked at a cluster of children developing diabetes within 3 years of being administered the HiB vaccine. http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/08916930290028175#.VdxOcH vq5sY

There are too many I have found to be included here, but vaccination is not a simple procedure and the science on vaccines and the outcomes long term have not been qualified.

Yours faithfully,

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