

Dear [Legislator's name],

I am your constituent and I am writing to encourage you to oppose mandatory vaccination laws. Enclosed please find educational materials from Physicians for Informed Consent (PIC), a national nonprofit organization of physicians, scientists, and attorneys, whose mission is to safeguard informed consent in vaccination. PIC's Coalition for Informed Consent consists of more than one hundred U.S. and international organizations.

Informed consent is an ethical medical principle that upholds an individual's basic human right to bodily integrity, including the right to voluntarily consent or decline a medical treatment or procedure after being informed of its health benefits and risks. Mandating vaccination upon families thwarts their ability to exercise informed consent, and instead results in coerced consent—which is a form of medical coercion.

Please review the enclosed Measles Disease Information Statement (DIS), Vaccine Risk Statement (VRS), and Immunocompromised Schoolchildren Risk Group Information Statement (RGIS) to better understand the complex issues involved around informed consent in vaccination. Despite popular claims to the contrary, it has *not* been proven that the MMR vaccine is safer than measles. Moreover, the vaccination status of schoolchildren does *not* pose a significant risk to immunocompromised schoolchildren.

I strongly recommend that you oppose the introduction of any mandatory vaccination laws, as they are medically unethical, do not reflect the complexity of medical issues associated with vaccination, and therefore would constitute a precarious public health policy.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your address]