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Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201

Subject: New PIC Findings Demonstrate Childhood Vaccines Not Proven Safer Than the Diseases They Target – Urgently Requesting Immediate Review of Childhood Vaccine Mandates

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

On behalf of Physicians for Informed Consent (PIC), I'm writing today to share key findings from our new book, "Vaccines and the Diseases They Target: An Analysis of Vaccine Safety and Epidemiology," also known as the Silver Booklet, a groundbreaking publication that challenges the belief that vaccines are unequivocally safer than the diseases they intend to prevent.

Drawing on peer-reviewed studies and government health statistics, the book presents datadriven comparisons of vaccine risks versus disease risks and demonstrates that vaccines are not proven to be safer than the diseases for normal-risk children.

Key findings:

- Before mass vaccination was introduced, fatality and permanent disability was low for childhood infectious diseases in normal-risk children in particular, those covered in the book: hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella. For example, consider measles: Measles death declined 98% from 1900 to 1963, before the measles vaccine was introduced (due to advancements in living conditions, nutrition and health care), and the fatality rate was 1 in 10,000 or 0.01% overall. Furthermore, vitamin A deficiency impacts measles outcomes. In the U.S., the great majority of hospitalized measles cases (92%) are low in vitamin A. For measles cases with normal levels of vitamin A, the rate of permanent disability or death is 1 in 93,000 or 0.001%.
- U.S. children receive 74 vaccine doses, including 22 injections containing aluminum, a neurotoxin. The aluminum content in many vaccines far exceeds government safety limits for infants.
- Many vaccines either wane in efficacy over time or do not prevent asymptomatic infection or transmission (e.g., hepatitis B, MMR, DTaP, polio, flu, COVID-19).

- Therefore, fully vaccinated individuals can still become infected and spread viruses or bacteria, even with mild or no symptoms of their own.
- Long-term safety studies have not been conducted to evaluate vaccines for their potential to cause genetic mutations, cancer or impaired fertility, and current vaccine safety studies have not ruled out the possibility that vaccines may cause greater death or permanent disability (e.g., autistic-spectrum disorders, epilepsy, demyelinating diseases, attention deficit disorder) than the diseases themselves.

As you consider how to improve children's health in the face of rising chronic illness, it's critical to review vaccine policy through a scientific lens. Our findings — backed by over 400 scholarly references — emphasize that uniform vaccine requirements, recommendations and mandates are not supported by current scientific evidence. We urgently request an immediate review of childhood vaccination policies and a reconsideration based on risk-benefit analysis.

Yours in health,

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