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Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee
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Dear Ms Blandthorn

'Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment (No Jab, No Play) Bill 2015'

In light of the proposed changes to the Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment Bill, I would like to cast a vote in the direction of freedom of choice and say that I disagree with this proposal.

My stepfather is a doctor and has been one for many years and we have had numerous discussions about his education on vaccinations. He is very pro vaccinations and every other drug that is recommended by the pharmaceutical reps that frequent his offices. He has advised me that the extent of his training on vaccinations was that he was taught to administer them. His information regarding contraindications and adverse reactions comes from pharmaceutical companies. All of his information regarding their safety comes from the manufacturers and pharmaceutical reps which is obviously a completely biased viewpoint. Our discussions have included the fact that he is totally unaware of any studies that have been done that show the current schedule is safe in its totality both long term and short term. I have not been able to find any studies that show this either. To my understanding, none exist. I find this disgraceful and deceptive to parents as there is a general belief that the schedule has been tried and tested and proven to be safe in its totality. Parents are not informed by doctors that the schedule has not been subject to review in its totality and that there are no long term studies that confirm their safety.

I have personal experiences with reactions to vaccinations and other pharmaceutical drugs and I believe that all medical procedures should have freedom of choice. However, under the current proposal and by limiting access to childcare/preschool or school in general or by limiting access to taxation relief/financial benefits that many families need to survive then you are removing the right to freedom of choice. Many families will not be able to survive without these payments and are not in a position where they can live without childcare/preschool for their children. It is a drastic and coercive tactic that is fundamentally wrong and I do not support this policy on any level.

I do however support the need for independent studies using real placebos to be undertaken that document the short term and long term effects as I believe the current schedule is way too much. I also support the need for genetic studies to be undertaken and tests to be done to determine genetic susceptibility as I do not believe that there is a 'one size fits all' remedy for anybody and that each case needs to be taken individually to lessen the risk of adverse reactions. I also support the need for doctors to provide access to independent studies, the vaccine inserts that come with the medication that show the potential adverse effects. I also suggest that doctors need to be trained and informed better on vaccinations (from an independent and non biased source) including the very real issue of post vaccine shedding.

I have been a Liberal voter my whole life and if this policy proceeds further I will no longer vote for Liberal (or Labour, Nationals, Greens or Democrats). I will vote under the line for independents who support our need for freedom of choice.

Regards

