



Statement for the
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Pennsylvania Coalition for Informed Consent

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Chairman Vulakovich, Chairman Costa and members of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, thank you for this opportunity to speak with you today and for including our testimony on behalf of PCIC, the Pennsylvania Coalition for Informed Consent.

My name is Alison Fujito. I'm a violinist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, I am the parent of 3 children, and I'm an unpaid representative of PCIC.

PCIC is dedicated to preserving and protecting informed consent to medical procedures in this Commonwealth, and we are here today to ensure any emergency preparedness legislation addresses this. Informed voluntary consent, according to the Nuremberg Code, means that "the person involved...should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion."

ALL OF MY CHILDREN have had serious adverse reactions to vaccines. I have been researching vaccine safety issues for over 10 years, and I am very disturbed by what I've learned from the CDC, the FDA, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, and many of the studies on PubMed and NIH.gov. The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System reports over 67 thousand severe adverse events from vaccines—67 THOUSAND SEVERE ADVERSE EVENTS. Current pediatric vaccines contain a cumulative amount of aluminum far in excess of FDA safety limits. Merck has been sued by 2 of its own virologists for falsifying vaccine safety data. And that's just the tip of the iceberg.

My name is Kristi Wees; I have a master's degree in chemistry. I am here today as an unpaid representative with PCIC, and most importantly a mother of two children, one with a suspected mitochondrial disease. My experience with my child has been that she became noticeably sicker after each round of routine childhood vaccinations. While I support preparedness on a state level for any

emergency and appreciate your efforts to plan for the wellbeing of the citizens of Pennsylvania, I along with members of the PCIC are requesting that this committee safeguard the right of all PA citizens TO informed consent for all medical procedures including vaccination in times of emergency and non-emergency.

You have also received written testimony from our colleague Valerie Borek also from PCIC. In this testimony she points out in great detail some of PCIC's greatest concerns with SB35.

We would like to summarize these concerns:

- 1) The proposed definitions of "All Hazards" and "Emergency" are unconstitutionally broad. "All Hazards" is defined here as "All dangers that can threaten or harm individuals" with no threshold whatsoever for imminence or severity."

How large a scale will an "event" have to be, in order to be considered an emergency or hazard, and what safeguards will be in place to protect the right to informed consent? For instance, we have recently learned that a pre-emptive state of emergency has

been declared in Bucks County for the upcoming Pope's visit later this month. Given the unrestricted power and sweep of this legislation there is a glaring lack of safeguards to prevent unintended future abuse.

2) SB 35's proposed changes would allow the governor to unilaterally request and authorize federal law enforcement to have power over Pennsylvania citizens, with no input, oversight or regulation from our elected representatives (THAT'S YOU ALL!). We believe this is an imbalance of power that has too much potential for exploitation or mistakes.

SB35 section 7714 allows enforcement officers to arrest an individual without a warrant with nothing more than a belief that a misdemeanor might be attempted. This pushes the boundaries of the Constitution way too far.

3) The proposed Statewide Incident Reporting System is

burdensome and violates privacy. SB 35 creates a massive undertaking of creating a statewide incident reporting system—a database—that will include the broad definition of “all hazards information.” This is a monumental task to place upon our Commonwealth employees. What kind of resources will it require? This kind of data collection is also a serious violation of privacy.

4) Pennsylvania has a Right to Know Law, and an Open Meetings requirement: Section 7715(a) completely over-rides that.

5) If medications and vaccines are to be dispensed, that should only occur during a true medical emergency to public health and with provisions for informed consent. Vaccination is a medical intervention performed on a healthy person that has the inherent ability to result in the injury or death. Sick or immune-compromised individuals are at even greater risk. There is never a guarantee that even with healthy individuals, that it will work as promised. Some of you may be old enough to remember how many

individuals were injured or even killed as the result of the unnecessary swine flu vaccine in 1976. Experts now agree that some will be harmed, but they do not know in advance who, and when such harm happens, they don't know why. Much remains unknown about the human immune system, especially autoimmune reactions and adverse reactions to vaccines.

6) Quarantine must be a last resort, and due process must be followed. We appreciate the foresight that Connecticut legislators had in writing an Emergency Preparedness law that includes provisions that a person cannot be quarantined unless infected or exposed, and that the least restrictive means are used.

In the absence of adequate scientific knowledge of the way vaccines singly or in combination act in the human body at the cellular and molecular level, vaccination is a medical procedure that could reasonably be termed as experimental each time it is performed on a healthy individual.

Our country was founded on the principles of liberties including individual liberties, not on the premise of greater good.