Vaccine Info Sheet # 2: Systemic Pharmaceutical Corruption

The vaccine industry has unimaginable wealth and unparalleled influence in media, medicine, and public policy. No one should be required to ingest or inject a product from an industry with such tarnished history, corrupt business practices, and NO liability.¹

- In 2014, pharmaceutical companies had $1 trillion in global sales,² with vaccines accounting for $33 billion.³ 2016 vaccine sales are estimated to be $52 billion.⁴
- The pharmaceutical industry is the biggest defrauder of the federal government under the False Claims Act.⁵ In the last few years pharmaceutical companies have agreed to pay over $13 billion to resolve U.S. Department of Justice allegations of fraudulent marketing practices.⁶
- The CDC claims to be an independent watchdog over the public health. However, they took millions of dollars from pharmaceutical companies, both directly and indirectly, calling their impartiality into question.⁷ Four scathing government studies paint CDC as a cesspool of corruption, mismanagement, and dysfunction, with alarming conflicts of interest suborning its research, regulatory, and policymaking functions.⁸
- An exhaustive study on Pharmaceutical industry corruption authored by 16 Harvard scholars concludes that “certain practices have corrupted medical research, the production of medical knowledge, the practice of medicine, drug safety, and the FDA’s oversight of pharmaceutical marketing.”⁹
- In December of 2009, the World Health Organization announced on their website: “Corruption in the pharmaceutical sector occurs throughout all stages of the medicines chain, from research and development to dispensing and promotion.”¹⁰ $27 billion was spent on drug promotion in 2012, with more than $24 billion spent on direct marketing to physicians.¹¹
- The pharmaceutical industry spent over $229 million on lobbying activities in 2014, more than any other industry.¹²

Preserve Pennsylvanians’ rights to informed consent and vaccine exemptions. Vaccines are available to anyone who wants them. PASS NO additional mandates.

¹ http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/10pdf/09-152.pdf
³ http://www.marketsandmarkets.com/PressReleases/vaccine-technologies.asp
⁶ http://projects.propublica.org/graphics/bigpharma
⁷ http://www.bmj.com/content/350/bmj.h2362; also, http://www.madinamerica.com/2015/05/experts-shocked-learn-us-centers-disease-control-taking-drug-company-funding/
⁸ http://www.robertf kennedynjr.com/vaccines.html
¹² http://www.opensecrets.org/news/2015/10/pharmaceutical-industry-under-scrutiny-for-prices-has-history-of-big-political-wins/