



**PROBLEM:** The AAP recommends that **pediatricians refuse care to children** whose parents choose to defer or decline even one vaccine. Those who do provide care **require parents to sign a misleading and untruthful legal document.** This procedure is a form of coercion which violates the right to informed consent.

**The AAP Refusal Form States:**

**The Truth Is:**

*I understand the following: The purpose of and the need for the recommended vaccine(s). The risks and benefits of the recommended vaccine(s).*

Parents are given ONLY a “Vaccine Information Sheet” that **completely omits the most serious reported adverse events** following immunization, and mentions only the mildest ones. **This is dishonesty by omission.**

*My unvaccinated child could easily get one of these [vaccine preventable] diseases while travelling or from a traveler.*

This statement is not in any way supported by statistical data.

*The consequences [of not vaccinating] may include...certain types of cancer, pneumonia, death, brain damage, paralysis, meningitis, seizures, and deafness; other severe and permanent effects ...”*

Parents are not told that vaccines carry the same health risks as the diseases (as the vaccines) - death, brain damage, etc. Vaccines have never been assessed for carcinogenicity despite containing known carcinogens, such as glyphosate, formaldehyde, sulfuric acid, benzethonium chloride and/or thimerosal.

*My child could transmit disease to others (including those too young to be vaccinated or those with immune problems), possibly requiring my child to stay out of child care or school during disease outbreaks.*

Parents are NOT told that some of the vaccine-targeted illnesses (Hepatitis B and HPV) are not transmissible through casual contact, but only through blood or sexual contact. Tetanus is not transmissible. **A typical American child has virtually no risk of contracting these illnesses.**

*My doctor and the AAP, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and CDC all strongly recommend that the vaccine(s) be given according to recommendations.*

**This recommended schedule has never been assessed for safety. In fact, it’s never been assessed for efficacy, OR for health outcomes and there are no safety studies on vaccinating for 7-9 illnesses simultaneously.**

**SOLUTION: Pass HB286 – the Informed Consent Protection Act**