

## HB286 Talking Points

These are some of the main points that you will want to share with legislators and others when educating them about the need for HB286.

**If you or a loved one have experienced medical discrimination due to vaccine choice, been subject to a CPS investigation due to vaccine choice, or experienced an adverse reaction to a vaccine, YOUR STORY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TALKING POINT.**

- Hundreds of families across PA are being denied pediatric care because of their vaccine status. Parents choose to delay or decline vaccines for many different reasons and Pennsylvania Code guarantees their right to do so.
- The insurance industry's "pay-for-performance" system awards bonuses to medical practices that have high percentages of fully vaccinated children. Children who opt out of only one dose of one vaccine lower the practice's scoring, jeopardizing the bonus amount.
- This coercive system encourages denial of service by pediatric practices and undermines the parental right to informed consent upheld by the Pennsylvania legislature. True informed consent cannot exist where such obvious conflicts of interest are allowed.
- Additionally, the U.S. government Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has paid over \$4 billion for vaccine injuries and deaths, as lawsuits against manufacturers are not possible due to federal legislation passed in 1986. The MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine is currently under federal charges of fraud claimed by the very virologists who worked on developing the vaccine.
- Pennsylvania legislators must defend families against insurance industry bullying and ensure equal access to health care for ALL of Pennsylvania's children.