

Legislative Concerns – August 2019

Bills to SUPPORT

Citizens must have true informed consent in making all medical decisions. These bills take steps to strengthen informed consent laws in Pennsylvania and to protect citizens' rights to make medical choices without coercion.

- **SUPPORT** [HB286, Metcalfe](#) – This bill will prevent doctors from refusing care to patients based on their vaccine choices. It also relieves parents from being forced to sign a biased, self-incriminating and misleading document in order to receive care.
- **SUPPORT** [HB48, Diamond](#) – This bill will ensure that parents receive complete, accurate information about their rights regarding vaccination requirements for school, including exemption information, on all vaccine related school correspondence.
- **SUPPORT** [HB1337, Cox](#) – This bill affirms and protects the intrinsic right of PA parents to determine the upbringing, education and care of their children.

Co-sponsoring these bills will show your support for citizens' rights to true informed consent for medical procedures, despite pharmaceutical industry pressure to assert their own agenda on the people of Pennsylvania.

Bills to OPPOSE

There are currently four active bills in the Pennsylvania Legislature that would curtail personal freedom and enable government overreach. The bill numbers and their sponsors are:

- **OPPOSE** [SB 626, Schwank](#) – This bill forces parents to undergo state-mandated, state-provided vaccine education(marketing) when choosing to exercise their right to either a religious or philosophical vaccine exemption for their child. This infringes upon free exercise of religion and creates an unnecessary financial and administrative burden for the state.
- **OPPOSE** [SB 633, Costa](#) – This bill would allow for the removal of ALL consumer protections and additional rights afforded to citizens during a declared public health emergency. The conditions required to declare such an emergency, as defined in this bill, are alarmingly vague.
- **OPPOSE** [SB274, Ward](#) & [HB91, Grove](#)– (Now in the House Health Committee) This bill extends to pharmacists the authority to administer potentially life-threatening immunizations to children as young as 9 years of age. These personnel are not trained to screen for vaccine contraindications or recognize or manage severe vaccine reactions; nor are they equipped with proper life-saving equipment for use in such an emergency. This endangers the lives of children.
- **OPPOSE** [SB 653, Leach](#) – This bill seeks to remove ALL non-medical exemptions to the required school vaccinations in Pennsylvania.