

## Dear Honorable Senators/Members of Senate Health & Welfare Committee,

I write on behalf of the members of Health Choice Vermont, about bill <u>S.151</u>. We are in firm opposition to § 1107. CONSENT TO PREVENTATIVE SERVICES BY MINORS and ask that you you please strike this language.

As written, § 1107. CONSENT TO PREVENTATIVE SERVICES BY MINORS would open the door to 'counseling' and vaccine administration to children, without parental consent or knowledge. While it may not seem explicitly clear as written, make no mistake: This would open up an entire pipeline of drugs and vaccines marketed to children, given behind parent's backs. Please say no.

Twelve (12) year-olds need to be protected from predatory marketing and policies, and are not able to weigh risk v. benefit. Parents, not physicians, must weigh those risks and make these choices for their minor children.

Tragically, vaccine injury does happen. <u>860 adverse reports</u> are already on hand in Vermont since 2000 (children under age 18 only, from Vermont only) including 5 deaths involving 12 vaccines. That's why there is an entire federal program for injuries, which has paid out over 4 billion dollars (pre-COVID).

Chair Lyons already received in May 2023 from me an overview of <u>Vaccine</u> <u>Safety and Policy in the US</u>, a 2017 white paper which outlines this program and major consumer concerns, which pre-date the COVID era. (To summarize: There is a shocking <u>absence of liability for vaccine products</u>, leading to shoddy safety testing; poor outcomes; and an accountability vacuum. Parents and other consumers are rightly concerned, and need your help).

"Minor consent" is actually the opposite of what we would hope to see from this committee. In fact, it is a <u>violation of Federal law</u> to to allow vaccination of a minor without parental consent. This is not the way to address consumer concerns. We urge you to remove the minor consent language and do not pass. Thank you for your consideration and time.

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