

HB 1811 **OPPOSE**

Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs

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As a physician and surgeon with 40 years of experience I strongly **OPPOSE** HB 1811. Childhood vaccines are vital life-saving public health measures that maintain the health and well being of all. The arguments and assertions put forth in this bill are legally and ethically false and endanger the health of the people of New Hampshire. The authors of this bill falsely state that vaccine mandates overreach governmental authority, violate rights, and liberty.

In *Jacobson vs Massachusetts* 1905 the Supreme Court upheld states authority to enforce vaccine mandates, as “individual liberty is not an absolute and can be limited for the public good. States are allowed to impose reasonable restrictions on individual liberties to protect the health and welfare of the community. ..balancing individual rights with collective wellbeing.”

In 1922 the Supreme Court upheld school immunization mandates, “parents do not have unfettered freedom to bring disease to a shared school environment.”

Please act with the health and wellbeing of the children and all citizens of New Hampshire and **OPPOSE** HB 1811

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The Truth about Vaccines and RFK jr

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As a retired physician and Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics it is imperative to speak out regarding a recent threat to all Americans. During the Covid 19 pandemic I witnessed too many preventable deaths in healthy unvaccinated patients to remain silent.

RFK jr, as newly appointed Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, on May 27, 2025 announced that Covid 19 vaccines would no longer be recommended for healthy children and pregnant woman in a 58 second video on social media. This proclamation was made against previous recommendations, without expert consultation, scientific data, or reasoned arguments. Subsequently, on June 9, 2025 he fired all sitting members of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). ACIP is a longstanding panel of vetted respected physician scientists and experts responsible for vaccine safety and recommendations since its creation by an act of congress in 1964.

Vaccines are medical treatments to protect humans against deadly diseases and credited with reducing childhood mortality by 50% worldwide. Vaccination involves injection of a small amount of material from viruses or bacteria, either killed or weakened, or part of the covering or genetic material to promote a host immune response. Antibodies and cellular defenses are produced that enable the vaccinated to fight off infection and stay well.

Edward Jenner, an English physician, introduced this treatment to western medicine in 1796. He noted a skin rash on the hands of milk maids from cowpox, a disease which does not cause illness in humans, resembled the rash from the deadly disease smallpox which caused death in 30-50%, predominately infants and children. Jenner used material from cowpox lesions to inoculate a young boy and prevent smallpox. The word vaccine comes from the Latin word for cow, Vacca. Through worldwide vaccination program the deadly smallpox was fully eradicated in May 1980.

Vaccination strategies successfully combat Polio, Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, rubella, varicella, typhoid, Hepatitis B, HPV, influenza, and Covid 19. Vaccination clearly saves lives. Between 1994- 2023 117 million school aged successfully vaccinated in the United States. 32 million hospitalizations and 1.1 million deaths prevented. Safety of vaccines is clear with rare reactions. Links to Autism are unsubstantiated.

The change in Covid 19 vaccination recommendations place children and pregnant women at risk and undermines confidence in all vaccines. In 2024 7000 American children were hospitalized with Covid pneumonia almost all unvaccinated. 1 in 5 required ICU admission with a 50% mortality. The World Health organization lists pregnancy as a high-risk condition for Covid pneumonia. The change in recommendations will undermine access allowing insurance company denial of payment for the vaccine.

RFK jr has no medical or scientific training. He has failed to listen to experts and acted against recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. RFK jr is entirely unqualified, lacking the judgement or background to lead our nations health. He is unfit and should resign.

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