

Testimony of New Hampshire Families for Vaccines (NHFV)
In Opposition to HB 1811-FN
House Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee

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Chairman MacDonald and Members of the Health, Human
Services and Elderly Affairs Committee,

New Hampshire Families for Vaccines is a nonprofit organization dedicated to amplifying the voice of the pro-vaccine majority in New Hampshire. We are writing to express our strong opposition to HB 1811.

HB 1811 would dismantle New Hampshire's long-standing public health framework by repealing all school and childcare vaccine entry requirements, eliminating immunization record-keeping, and weakening the ability of schools, childcare centers, and public health departments to respond during public health emergencies or disease outbreaks. These changes are not supported by any new or compelling science and significantly undermine public health efforts and place families, particularly kids, at greater risk.

Childhood vaccine requirements give families confidence that the spaces where our children learn, play, and grow are safe from dangerous, yet preventable, diseases. New Hampshire's current policy is grounded in decades of scientific evidence and public health practice. Without them, outbreaks are more likely to occur and schools are more likely to be forced to close down. When a serious disease like measles spreads in the community, the outbreak can last for weeks or even months, resulting in significant time out of school, and causing parents to miss work or scramble for childcare options.

Consent isn't truly informed if families don't have the information we need to make the right decisions for our families. HB 1811 would eliminate school reporting on immunization rates, removing a critical source of data that parents can use to assess their child's risk of contracting a preventable illness. Without this information, families are left without critical insight, making it harder to protect children who are medically vulnerable, including those who are immunocompromised due to cancer or another medical condition, or children too young to be fully vaccinated. This lack of transparency has the potential to expose our children to serious, preventable illness without warning.

HB 1811 would also strip schools and childcare centers of the ability to act decisively when outbreaks occur. When a contagious disease is introduced into a busy and crowded environment like a school or daycare, it's essential to act quickly to contain the spread from child to child. Without timely, accurate information about immunization rates,

outbreaks are more likely to grow unchecked, increasing harm to families, disrupting education and childcare, and placing additional strain on communities.

Public health protections are intended to expand our freedom. They allow families to participate fully in school, work, and community life with confidence. All New Hampshire families deserve to live in a state where we can trust that our schools and childcare environments prioritize health and safety, and where public health policies are grounded in transparency and evidence.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB 1811, and for your time and consideration.

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