

I OPPOSE the self-serving amendment to HB 49 being offered by the Ohio AAP to put restrictions or intrusive tracking on the vaccine exemption process.

I have been a practicing pediatric physical therapist for 50 years, and for over 40 of those years my focus has been with children in the autism spectrum. Many of the parents of the children I have worked with have reported that their children had been developing typically until they received a vaccination, and then their child's health and neurological status declined.

As I have witnessed seven decades of deteriorating health in Americans of all ages, I would think that common sense would guide our policy makers to encourage people to pursue a healthier lifestyle, which would include avoiding injections of toxic elements into their bodies that have been poorly tested for safety and efficacy.

It should be mandatory that every individual who chooses to limit a person's freedom of choice educate themselves fully as to why so many Americans today don't want to vaccinate. National Vaccine Information Center can offer pages of congressional hearings, documentaries, and books written by parents and professionals on the topic.

I agree with the National Vaccine Information Center on these 5 points:

1) PLEASE OPPOSE any self-serving AAP amendments to HB 49 to force families using a vaccine exemption to pay for an office visit to their members who opposes vaccine exemptions or to require intrusive vaccine exemption tracking which can lead to more harassment, coercion and discrimination.

2) It is an extreme conflict of interest for the AAP to ask for an amendment to a budget bill that makes a major change to Ohio State Law that will significantly financially benefit their members.

3) The AAP supports [eliminating](#) all religious, personal and conscientious belief exemptions to any vaccines. They do not respect the religious and conscientious beliefs of those who choose not to follow the one-size-fits-all vaccination schedule.

4) Physicians and vaccine manufacturers have no liability for vaccine injuries and deaths. The only recourse is to go through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program set up in 1986 when the [federal law](#) was passed providing liability protection. To date, over [3.6 billion dollars](#) has been paid out of this compensation program for vaccine injuries and deaths.

5) There is no public health crisis to justify forcing parents to be coerced, harassed or reeducated by physicians in an effort to change their religious or conscientious beliefs.