Testimony for Dr. Jessica Hutchins, MD

- 1. The minority of people who seek religious or philosophical exemptions do so for legitimate medical reasons (because of a prior vaccine injury in themselves or an immediate family member). However they are unable to get a medical exemption from their health care provider.
- 2. I received zero education in medical school, specifically Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, regarding vaccine ingredients, safety research, efficacy research, potential adverse events (other than use Tylenol to prevent fever if desired), or that there was an adverse event reporting system (VAERS).
- 3. I am a board certified OB/GYN. During my residency there was again no education regarding vaccine administration, efficacy, adverse events, and specifically toxicity in pregnancy. We were, however, taught to be vigilant regarding pregnant women eating fish high in mercury. Since residency, I am periodically sent updates and recommendations from the American College of OBGYN (ACOG) regarding recommended practice. This included DTAP and influenza vaccine now being part of the routine pregnancy care. Again, no discussion on safety data especially in pregnancy, no mention that most flu vaccines still contain thimerosal (mercury), no mention of possible adverse events or reporting them.
- 4. There are known risk factors for serious adverse events following vaccine administration that physicians are not trained on unless they seek the training on their own. These include autoimmune disease, atopic disease (eczema/asthma), known genetic detoxification issues, allergy to any component of the vaccine, and neurodevelopmental disease.
- 5. To rely on physicians with extremely limited training on vaccines to be a part of someone's philosophical or religious exemption in this minority who seeks these exemptions does not make logical sense.
- 6. If you have children or grandchildren, please read the above again.

For the health of our children,

Jessica Hutchins, MD