

BRIEFING: CDC Whistleblower / Allegations of Fraud (Background Information)

In August of 2014, a vaccine safety scientist at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) admitted through his lawyers¹ that he had participated in a cover-up of data showing links between the MMR vaccine and autism while working at the CDC.

The whistleblower, William Thompson PhD, co-led three major vaccine safety studies while working at the Immunization Safety Branch of the CDC, including a study on measles-mumps-rubella vaccine and autism that has been heralded by vaccine proponents as “*definitive*.”

On May 5th 2015, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. alerted Vermont lawmakers during testimony² that the Centers for Disease Control is a, “cesspool of corruption, mismanagement, and dysfunction with alarming conflicts of interest suborning its research, regulatory, and policymaking functions.” He cautioned lawmakers that, when it comes to vaccines, “there is no one left to stand between a greedy industry and vulnerable children, except parents.”

On July 29, 2015, Rep. Bill Posey brought to the floor of the House of Representatives news that Dr. Thompson has turned over to Congress documents relevant to alleged fraud and malfeasance at CDC, and has agreed to testify on the events. During a 5 min. floor speech³, Congressman Posey read from a letter from Dr. Thompson in which Thompson admits that he and his co-authors “intentionally withheld controversial findings” and that statistically significant correlations were found, but that these controversial findings went “into a huge garbage can.”

At this time, 1 in 68 American children (1 in 42 boys) have autism, and chronic autoimmune and neurological diseases are skyrocketing.

The Vermont Coalition for Vaccine Choice is a non-partisan, grassroots advocacy group that defends vaccination choice as a human right. The group advocates for the freedom to make informed health choices whether as parents or as individuals, without coercion or interference.

¹ Morgan Verkamp Press Release: <http://www.morganverkamp.com/august-27-2014-press-release-statement-of-william-w-thompson-ph-d-regarding-the-2004-article-examining-the-possibility-of-a-relationship-between-mmr-vaccine-and-autism/>

² Video of Kennedy testimony to Vermont House:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2UJ2oBeya0>

Written Kennedy Testimony: <http://www.vaxchoicevt.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/RFK-Jr-Testimony-H982.pdf>.

³ Video of Posey speech on Floor of U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.c-span.org/video/?c4546890/posey-cdc-autism>.