Vermont Coalition *for* Vaccine Choice
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Representative ___

RE: Vaccine Philosophical Exemption in Light of CDC Whistleblower and Allegations of Fraud

Dear ___

On behalf of thousands of Vermonters, we want to thank you once again for your support of parental and individual medical choice, and for your vote in May to maintain the philosophical exemption.

As you may recall, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. alerted Vermont authorities to fraud at the CDC in his May 5th testimony before the Vermont House Health Care Committee (1,2).

Now, three months later, Congressman Bill Posey of Florida announced in his July 29th statement on the floor of the U.S. House (3), that a CDC vaccine safety researcher, Dr. William Thompson, was present at a meeting in which his colleagues destroyed data demonstrating a clear link between the MMR vaccine and autism. Dr. Thompson retained copies of these documents and turned them over to Congressman Posey, along with thousands of others, which reportedly show that the CDC committed fraud in its vaccine safety research.

CDC 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 (4) that has been heralded by vaccine proponent, Dr. Paul Offit, as "*definitive*." However, more than a decade after the 2004 publication of the study in the Journal of Pediatrics, 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." Clearly, the CDC's science regarding the vaccine-autism link is *not* "settled" or "definitive."

Kennedy's testimony unmistakably warned about Dr. Thompson's disclosures and CDC "corruption, mismanagement, and dysfunction with alarming conflicts of interest suborning its research, regulatory, and policymaking functions." Kennedy advised that, "Ending exemptions is premature until we have a functioning regulatory agency and a transparent process."

Despite Kennedy's warnings, no questions were asked of Kennedy at the Vermont hearings and no investigations were made. Now, Congressman Posey is offering the whistleblower documents to any and all members of Congress for review—we urge you to ask Vermont's Congressional delegation to obtain and review these documents.

With Congressional hearings on CDC research fraud and malfeasance on the horizon, the Vermont Coalition for Vaccine Choice is calling for reinstatement of the philosophical exemption—the only responsible action in the face of illegal cover-ups of fraudulent vaccine science and safety information.

Those who want toxin-free water are not called "anti-water," just as those who insist on transparency, honesty safety and choice should not be called "anti-vaccine." When the ethical conduct of a government agency is called into question, our children and grandchildren deserve nothing more than a full investigation and the right to maintain free choice in medical risk-taking.

We ask for your continued support, and the favor of your reply.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of members of the Vermont Coalition for Vaccine Choice

(1) Video of Kennedy testimony to Vermont House: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2UJ2oBeya0

(2) 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.

(4) 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/