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To: mark.levine@vermont.gov, Maxine <maxjg@gmavt.net>

Dear Honorable Governor Scott and Health Commissioner Dr. Levine,

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Jennifer Stella and I am co-director of the Vermont Coalition for Vaccine Choice, a citizen advocacy group standing for the human right to informed consent in the practice of vaccination. Our organization advocates for citizens to be fully informed and to protect their right to freely choose medical procedures, including vaccinations, for ourselves or our children.

I am writing to you together with Dr. Sandy Reider of Lyndonville, to express our grave concerns about a recent Boston Globe editorial, which quotes a State of Vermont employee, Christine Finley, and then embeds a link to Health Department data.

The title?

"Mounting a ground war against anti-vaxxers."

Although the title of the editorial was chosen by the Boston Globe, we would like to know:

- 1) Does the State of Vermont endorse such language, which portends violence against a group of citizens?
- 2) Did Ms. Finley or any other State employee participate (with an ad agency or other PR firm or in *any other way*) to create this editorial?
- 3) Where are the data to support the quote from Ms. Finley? There was an embedded link in the article but it does not link to 2017 data, only old data. The editorial claims a "rate" of "94%" as proof that the "new law" is "working." Is the new 2017 data being withheld from the public, and if so- why?
<http://www.healthvermont.gov/immunizations-infectious-diseases/immunization/immunization-rates>

Mr. Governor, Dr. Levine: Such flagrant allusions to violence against "anti-vaxxers" (who are in reality a growing group of concerned people who have witnessed vaccine injury, who are questioning the safety, and who are asking evidence to support claims of safety), should not be tolerated.

We hope that you agree.

The favor of your response is appreciated.

best regards,

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