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To: The Vermont Legislature and Citizens of Vermont

Re: S. 199, An Act Relating to Immunization Exemptions

Honorable Vermont Legislators and Concerned Citizens:

It is my understanding that S. 199 as amended would allow suspension of the exemption if immunization rates fell below a threshold amount. Regarding this:

1. To suspend exemptions based on anything other than a present or imminent emergency would subvert the purpose of the exemption. Citizens should either have the choice or not; and
2. Such provision is based on the scientifically erroneous assumption that exemptions increase the risk of, or cause outright, disease outbreaks:
  - 90 - 95% of 20<sup>th</sup> Century infectious disease decline *preceded* vaccines, and diseases with no vaccine declined along with diseases that did.<sup>1</sup>
  - The majority of our population consists of adults who were last vaccinated as children, and who have had no vaccine protection for decades; yet, diseases have not returned.<sup>2</sup>

Proponents of S. 199 seek to minimize exemptions based on false pretenses, to replace health-driven policy with industry-driven policy. Accordingly, S. 199 should fail.

Respectfully Submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> For one of many sources, see Immunization Graphs at <http://www.theoneclickgroup.co.uk/documents/vaccines/Immunization%20Graphs%20PPT%20-%20RO%202009.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Is herd immunity real? Russell Blaylock, M.D., Neurosurgeon, The Epoch Times, January 28, 2010, <http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/health/forced-vaccinations-government-and-the-public-interest-27045.html>