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Senator Andreas Borgeas
Assemblyman Dr. Joaquin Arambula
Assemblyman Jim Patterson

Re: No on Senate Bill 866

Dear Members of the California Legislature:

We write in opposition of Senate Bill 866 (Weiner and Pan) and urge you to oppose any efforts to exclude parents from the immunization decisions affecting their children.

It is crucial that the Legislature protect the autonomy of parents to be involved in important vaccination decisions impacting their children. Allowing a 12-year-old to make an immunization decision without parental consent would be a profound intrusion into the parent-child relationship. This bill would dramatically undermine the longstanding role of parents in making the best medical decisions for their children.

We are particularly opposed to the effect SB 866 would have in allowing children 12 years or older to obtain COVID-19 vaccination without their parents' knowledge. We acknowledge and celebrate the studies that show COVID-19 vaccines are effective in reducing hospitalizations and death. However, it is up to parents, not the government, to balance the side effects against the benefits of vaccination for their minor children.

Please support our parents' right to decisional autonomy for their children by casting a no vote for SB 866.

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