



Dear Delegates:

The mission of the Virginia Chapter of Children's Health Defense is to restore and protect the health of children by eliminating exposures to environmental toxins, holding responsible parties accountable, and establishing safeguards to prevent future harm to children's health. We are writing to ask for your support for two priority bills that we and our more than 15,000 supporters strongly support.

HB 2276 Immunization; immunization of children against COVID-19

As a science-based organization, we support the numerous medical professionals around the world that are now in agreement that there is no scientific rationale for continuing any COVID-19 mandates in 2023 and beyondⁱ. In addition, we believe informed consent is the basis of medical ethics and that parents should make decisions regarding the health and wellbeing of their childrenⁱⁱ. Lastly, because available COVID-19 vaccines fail to prevent viral transmissionⁱⁱⁱ there is no justification for requiring these vaccines as a requirement for school attendance. For these reasons, mandates for COVID-19 vaccines are scientifically, ethically and logically indefensible.

HB 2276 specifies that parents shall not be required to immunize their children against COVID-19 in the same manner current Virginia law allows them to determine whether to give them the Haemophilus Influenzae Type b immunization vaccine. In 2020, when the legislature considered and passed HB 1090, which dealt with the manner in which future childhood vaccines would be considered, legislators and their experts confirmed the legislature's support for keeping parents in charge of their child's vaccination schedule^{iv}. In 2021, the Virginia Department of Health proposed a regulation requiring the COVID-19 vaccine as a requirement for school attendance. More than 15,000 Virginians commented on the regulation with the vast majority (93%) opposing^v. Please recognize the overwhelming opposition to including the COVID-19 vaccines as a requirement for school attendance by supporting HB 2276.

HB 2280 Parental consent to surgical and medical treatment of certain minors

Another bill we strongly support is HB 2280, which requires parents and guardians to consent to medical interventions concerning their children, including vaccination. As incredible as it may seem, several municipalities around the country (Philadelphia^{vi}, San Francisco^{vii}, Kings County, WA, and Washington D.C.^{viii}) have either attempted to or have already passed orders and laws that allow children as young as 11 years of age to consent to vaccination without parental knowledge or consent. In Washington, D.C, the City Council adopted a particularly dangerous

bill that not only would have allowed children as young as 11 to consent to vaccination but also would have allowed schools to hide from parents that their child had undergone a medical procedure. Fortunately, due to a successful lawsuit filed by our parent organization this law was overturned^{ix}.

These are dangerous usurpations of parental rights by legislatures and public health authorities. Most states don't allow children to consent to use tanning salons or get tattoos below the age of consent. To bypass parents and allow underage children to decide what gets injected into them is inconsistent with state laws, medical ethics, common sense, and optimal medical care of children. Please support this bill to send a clear message that such dangerous legislative trends will not be supported in Virginia.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns.

Sincerely,

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President

Caroline Kennedy
Vice President

Teresa Champion
Secretary

ⁱ <https://gbdeclaration.org/>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/covid-vaccines-don't-prevent-transmission-severe-illness-deaths-data/>

^{iv} <https://rumble.com/v27328m-tell-virginia-legislators-keep-parents-in-charge.html>

^v <https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewPetition.cfm?petitionid=352>

^{vi} <https://vax.phila.gov/index.php/notices/adolescents-12-may-consent-to-receive-pfizer-vaccine/>

^{vii} <https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/Order-C19-19-Vaccination-Minors.pdf>

^{viii} <https://lms.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B23-0171>

^{ix} <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/judge-rules-eleven-year-olds-vaccines-parents-consent/>

Please Also Support:

HB 2306 Immunizations; authority of the Commissioner of Health, religious tenets or practices, exception.

HB 1864 State agency employees; vaccine requirements, creates exemption.