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3 THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
4 PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND ARTICLES 43 AND 47 OF THE  
5 NEW YORK CITY HEALTH CODE  
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13 B E F O R E:

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16 FRANK CRESCIULLO, Assistant Commissioner,  
17 Bureau of Day Care

18 PRESENT:

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20 to the Board of Health  
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2 MS. ROBINSON: Good morning. If I can  
3 ask you to sit down, we can start, please.

4 Good morning. This public hearing is  
5 now called to order. Today is Wednesday,  
6 October 23, 2013, and the time is 10:07 a.m..  
7 My name is Martha Robinson. I am Associate  
8 General Counsel of the New York City  
9 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Also  
10 here at the table is Frank Cresciullo, the  
11 Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Child  
12 Care.

13 We are here today for a public hearing  
14 on whether the Board of Health should adopt  
15 amendments to Articles 43 and 47 of the New  
16 York City Health Code. A Notice of Intention  
17 to amend these articles was published in the  
18 City Record on September 19, 2013. A copy of  
19 the first page of the Notice of Intention has  
20 been provided to the reporter to include in  
21 the record.

22 Persons wishing to speak at the hearing  
23 were asked to preregister. We will call upon  
24 those of you who preregistered in the order  
25 registered. If someone is not here when

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called, I will call upon the next person registered. After all persons who registered have commented, we will call upon persons who missed their turn. Anyone who wishes to speak who has not registered may register at the table in the lobby and will be allowed to speak.

The hearing is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. Let me remind you that the purpose of today's hearing is to elicit comments and information to assist the Board of Health in determining whether to adopt these amendments to the Health Code.

I will call upon the first person who registered to speak. Please, when you are called to speak, identify yourself for the record and if the reporter requests, spell your name and provide your title and the name of any organization you represent. Please limit your remarks to five minutes. You may also submit written comments if you have not completed your remarks, and we will accommodate those comments.

The first person who was registered is

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2 Nina Maron. Is she here?

3 Patricia Finn?

4 MS. FINN: I am here.

5 MS. ROBINSON: Please sit down and the  
6 microphone is there. Just turn it on when  
7 you speak.

8 MS. FINN: I have a little laryngitis.  
9 Can you hear me? There we go. Good morning.

10 Good morning, Ms. Robinson, Mr.  
11 Cresciullo, parents attending here today. I  
12 have a wee bit of laryngitis, so I am going to  
13 stay close to the microphone.

14 My name is Patricia Finn, F-I-N-N. I am  
15 an attorney in Rockland County. My firm  
16 represents thousands of parents and children  
17 including New Yorkers, New York City  
18 residents, who oppose mandatory  
19 vaccines on constitutional and medical  
20 grounds. I have litigated multiple cases  
21 involving parents here in New York City who  
22 are refusing the vaccines.

23 My firm is currently handling a death  
24 case involving a seven-year-old little girl  
25 named Kaylin Mattin. Kaylin was in perfect

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2 health, perfect condition, and in December of  
3 2011, Kaylin's mother brought her to the  
4 pediatrician for a routine well visit.

5 Shortly after receiving the flu vaccine, the  
6 same vaccine that is being proposed for the  
7 children in the City of New York, Kaylin  
8 became very sick and she died six days later.

9 Kaylin's parents cannot sue the doctors.  
10 They cannot sue the manufacturers. Their  
11 claim is being handled in the vaccine court  
12 under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation  
13 Act. The Department of Justice released a  
14 report on September 5, 2013, which reported on  
15 adjudicated settlements in Vaccine Court from  
16 May to August of 2013. Out of the 69 cases  
17 brought, 49 of those cases were from injuries  
18 from the flu vaccine.

19 Injuries from the flu shot included  
20 significant aggravation of underlying  
21 immunological, neurological, genetic  
22 conditions, Guillain-Barré Syndrome, chronic  
23 polyneuropathy, skin rashes, brachial  
24 neuritis, transverse myelitis, neurological  
25 injuries, Bell's Palsy, and encephalitis.

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These are serious injuries. The addition of the flu vaccine for these children is based on -- I am not a doctor, but it seems to me a lot of voodoo science that's being promoted by the pharmaceutical companies that are actually profiting and benefitting.

I have read the scientific studies that were provided by the City of New York in support of the proposal, and basically it boils down to the fact that the City wants to immunize little kids in order to prevent future flu outbreaks in the elderly. The science -- again, I am not a doctor and I am not a scientist, but it doesn't make any sense. This study failed to consider that these outbreaks of the flu are occurring in children that are vaccinated. 91 percent of the flu outbreaks are in children that have been vaccinated. These vaccines are not only dangerous, but there is no study to show that they are working.

These parents whose kids are being injured by vaccines are being told that this is the price that we pay to live in this

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2 society, to live in the City of New York, but  
3 the evidence is not there. There is no proof  
4 that the childhood immunization program has  
5 been effective. In fact, the evidence is to  
6 the contrary, that the children are being  
7 injured.

8 In the United States, if you are injured  
9 by a vaccine, as I stated previously, there is  
10 a no-fault liability system, and what that  
11 means is that you are required to go to a  
12 special court that is funded by a tax on the  
13 vaccines. I don't particularly have an issue  
14 with that court, and I think outside of the  
15 omnibus autism proceedings, which were a total  
16 disaster, the court does compensate  
17 individuals, but the problem with that system,  
18 the no-fault liability, the vaccine court, is  
19 that there is absolutely no incentive to  
20 produce a safe vaccine. The vaccine  
21 manufacturers are shielded from liability.

22 The City of New York is now expecting  
23 parents to turn around and submit to these  
24 shots as a requirement for attending school.  
25 The parents that I represent do not want to

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vaccinate their children. They have constitutional rights protected by the First, Ninth and the Fourteenth Amendments that allow them to refuse vaccines, and I would ask that this commission, this panel here consider this evidence.

The parents do not want any more shots. Did you realize children have to be injected nearly 37 times in order to attend school in the City of New York for ordinarily benign diseases? And moreover, the evidence or the science that's used to promote the use of these vaccines, it's faulty. It's voodoo science and it's not based on concrete evidence. These diseases have waned before the introduction of vaccines, and the proof is to the contrary, that they are actually dangerous. I will repeat that when these children are immunized, these outbreaks of the flu, 91 percent of them are occurring in children that have received the flu vaccines.

On behalf of the parents that I represent, which is thousands of New Yorkers, we oppose the addition of the flu vaccine as

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2 well as the mandates, the coercion, and the  
3 pressure and harassment to continue to  
4 vaccinate in order to go to school in the City  
5 of New York. This is the United States of  
6 America. We do not experiment on children.

7 In my mind, I see the school officials,  
8 the school nurse approaching these children  
9 with needles. Their doctors are saying no  
10 shots, their parents are kicking and screaming  
11 saying no shots, and right before we get to  
12 that child, right before you get to the point  
13 where you are ready to inject, a shield goes  
14 up, and these parents have a right to refuse.  
15 They have a right to refuse these shots and  
16 they are being mandated because the government  
17 has failed to demonstrate safety and efficacy,  
18 and they are forcing people and that's what it  
19 is. It's unconstitutional and it's unethical.  
20 That's all I have to say.

21 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.

22 Is Nina Maron here? First person to  
23 sign up?

24 MS. MARON: She is indeed here. Is  
25 there a volunteer? I, unfortunately, brought

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1  
2 my son. Is there a volunteer to watch my son  
3 for about three minutes? It won't be long.

4 Where would you like me?

5 MS. ROBINSON: Sit there, please, and  
6 introduce yourself and spell your name for the  
7 reporter if she needs it.

8 MS. MARON: So hi. My name is Nina.  
9 That's my first name. My last name is  
10 M-A-R-O-N, and I am very involved in the  
11 community where I live and I am also a  
12 licensed and certified New York City special  
13 educator. And I, unfortunately, was not able  
14 to print out anything, so I am going to as  
15 best as I can just go over a few reasons why I  
16 am opposed to this mandatory vaccination.

17 I am a mother of two children, and if I  
18 am not mistaken, one of the things proposed  
19 would be that the religious exemptions would  
20 be minimized to only a certain percentage of  
21 people in New York City allowed to claim those  
22 religious exemptions, and that I have to say  
23 is a violation of my constitutional right. So  
24 that's the first issue that I want to address.

25 Secondly, I want to agree and support

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2 our first speaker in that this flu shot -- for  
3 example, we have not seen any conclusive  
4 supporting evidence that this is a protection  
5 in any way. This is not a protection. There  
6 is nothing to support that. Flu shots are  
7 ineffective. There are 900 strains of the  
8 flu, and the flu shot contains antigens to  
9 only three. The effectiveness of the shot  
10 against the antigen is often negligible. This  
11 is huge for me.

12 Half of all flu shots still contain  
13 quantities of mercury wildly in excess of  
14 maximum daily exposure limits set by the FDA.  
15 So a 40-pound four-year-old, about average,  
16 would be exposed to more than 1,400 percent  
17 mercury than is considered acceptable for an  
18 adult.

19 I am going to be as brief as I can so I  
20 will try to move quickly. Again, I wasn't  
21 able to print out. So according to the CDC,  
22 all that is available is to the year 2010.  
23 That's the last year data is available, and  
24 there are no confirmed deaths from influenza  
25 in New York City in children under five. So

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2 that's something else to consider, and I guess  
3 I will say that pneumococcal shots was  
4 directed at seven strains. It was not a  
5 cost-effective intervention, and it presumed  
6 that ear infections would be reduced, which  
7 has not proven to be the case. Pneumococcal  
8 shots overall are ineffective, the  
9 pneumococcal shot has not been proven to  
10 reduce pneumococcal disease due to changes in  
11 the pneumococcal strains for a duration, which  
12 is why the 20-strain pneumococcal shot was  
13 rushed into production.

14 So basically, in summation what I am  
15 saying here is that flu shots are unnecessary,  
16 and again it is a violation to my  
17 constitutional right, and it is outrageous to  
18 me that Mayor Bloomberg is implementing an  
19 illegal quota on religious exemptions. I am  
20 so glad that my voice could be heard. Thank  
21 you.

22 MS. ROBINSON: The next person I have  
23 registered to speak is Mary Holland. Is she  
24 here?

25 MS. HOLLAND: Thank you. My name is

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2 Mary Holland, spelled like the country. I am  
3 a lawyer, Research Scholar at NYU School of  
4 Law, and co-founder and board member of the  
5 Elizabeth Birt Center for Autism Law and  
6 Advocacy, EBCALA.

7 EBCALA is a national nonprofit to help  
8 address the legal needs of the autism  
9 community including health-care insurance,  
10 special education, criminal law, and  
11 vaccine-related law. EBCALA has drawn  
12 attention to the strong association between  
13 vaccine injury and autism. Although the  
14 federal government formally denies a causal  
15 link, EBCALA has publicized 83 cases of  
16 compensated vaccine injury associated with  
17 autism. In several federal cases, judges have  
18 acknowledged that vaccine-induced brain injury  
19 inexorably leads to autism spectrum disorders.

20 I submit this statement on behalf of  
21 EBCALA. I am here to address the mayor's  
22 proposed flu and pneumococcal vaccine mandates  
23 for children under five. I start by reciting  
24 three facts. One, all vaccines are legally,  
25 unavoidably unsafe. Like all prescription

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2 drugs, vaccines carry known and unknown risks.  
3 Despite rhetoric that vaccines are safe and  
4 effective, the law speaks for itself.  
5 Vaccines are unavoidably unsafe.

6 Two, vaccine manufacturers and  
7 health-care workers bear virtually no  
8 liability in the event of any injury.

9 Congress passed a law in 1986, the National  
10 Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, to remove almost  
11 all liability from manufacturers and  
12 health-care workers. The statute acknowledges  
13 that vaccines can cause catastrophic injury  
14 and death. If a mandated flu or pneumococcal  
15 vaccine causes injury to a New York City  
16 preschooler, that child will not be able to  
17 sue the manufacturer or doctor or City of New  
18 York in an ordinary court of law. That child  
19 will be forced to pursue a claim in a poor  
20 imitation of a court in Washington.

21 Three, the Supreme Court set a very high  
22 bar for vaccine mandates over a hundred years  
23 ago. There must be an emergency, imminent  
24 danger, and an epidemic of disease that  
25 imperils the entire population. This high bar

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2 is the law of the land.

3 So let me recap what these three legal  
4 facts mean. Mayor Bloomberg is proposing to  
5 compel children under five to accept  
6 unavoidably unsafe medical interventions for  
7 which industry, the health-care profession,  
8 and the City bear no liability. He seeks to  
9 do this on a selective basis for preschoolers  
10 only, in the absence of an emergency, imminent  
11 danger, or any threat to the entire  
12 population.

13 This proposal will not stand up to legal  
14 challenge. This proposal is wrong on the law,  
15 wrong on the science, and wrong on the ethics.  
16 Like the New York State proposed flu mandate  
17 for health-care workers in 2009, this mandate  
18 is doomed to fail in the courts. New York  
19 State backed down in light of almost certain  
20 defeat in the courts in 2009. I think the  
21 mayor would do well to think twice.

22 So what is this proposal right on? It's  
23 right on the money. This proposal is a favor  
24 for the pharmaceutical industry. With no  
25 marketing expenses and no liability in the

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2 event of harm, this is a gift to the industry.  
3 This is using City police powers to coerce our  
4 most vulnerable citizens for the benefit of  
5 multinational corporations. This is a  
6 government subsidy of a highly profitable  
7 industry with no benefit to taxpayers.

8 I trust that the mayor-elect, whoever  
9 that might be, will refuse to implement such  
10 an ill-conceived rule. Parents are in the  
11 best position to make health-care decisions  
12 for their children. If, after their own  
13 research, parents choose to vaccinate their  
14 children against flu or other respiratory  
15 diseases, I support that choice 1,000 percent.  
16 I am pro-choice, not anti-vaccine.

17 Perhaps the mayor thought that he could  
18 make the famous New York song come true. If  
19 you can make it here, you can make it  
20 anywhere. Well, I say may the converse also  
21 be true. If this rule fails here, may it fail  
22 elsewhere. New York City children and all  
23 children deserve better than mandated favors  
24 for pharma. Thank you.

25 MS. ROBINSON: Rita Palma?

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2 MS. PALMA: Thank you very much for  
3 allowing me to speak today. You know, there  
4 has been a reference to a letter that I would  
5 like to provide you with just in case you  
6 don't have a copy of it, just in case you  
7 haven't seen it. It's called the first  
8 warning letter and it's given to principals  
9 and I'm sorry. I circled your portion that  
10 stands out in particular to me.

11 It basically tells principals of all of  
12 the New York City schools that if you don't  
13 get up to 98.8 percent compliance rate in your  
14 schools for vaccinations, then you are in  
15 violation of the law. If you read through  
16 that particular paragraph and kind of break it  
17 down, that's what the letter is saying.

18 So the reason I am here today -- and  
19 thank you very much for allowing me to speak  
20 -- is I come at this from a slightly different  
21 perspective from the people who spoke before  
22 me. I don't have all my facts and figures  
23 regarding the flu vaccination. What I do is I  
24 advocate for parents who wish to refuse  
25 vaccines based on religious reasons or medical

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2 reasons. I help them through the religious  
3 waiver or the medical waiver process, and in  
4 doing so, I discovered in the last year that  
5 New York City is certainly violating the laws  
6 regarding religious and medical waivers.

7 Medical waivers are almost impossible to  
8 get in New York City. Religious waivers are  
9 close to impossible to get. If I can recount  
10 some stories that I have kind of lived  
11 through, just to explain to you -- and I don't  
12 know if you know the process, but a parent  
13 submits a letter saying their sincere and  
14 genuine religious beliefs that preclude them  
15 from vaccinating. So what New York City has  
16 been doing ever since that letter has been  
17 distributed to principals is pulling pretty  
18 much all the waivers that have been granted  
19 before. They are inconsistent though -- and I  
20 will get to that point later -- and  
21 interrogating parents about the nature of  
22 their religious belief to determine if they  
23 are truly sincere, and their belief to  
24 preclude immunization is genuinely real.

25 So what happens is what's called a CFN

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1 liaison, which is a Child First Network  
2 liaison, is assigned to get this parent in the  
3 room, close the door nice and tight, and ask  
4 them a list of questions to determine the  
5 nature of their religious beliefs. Now, if  
6 that doesn't sound twisted enough, I will  
7 recount some actual live examples of  
8 interviews. I call them sincerity interviews,  
9 for lack of a better term, and ask you to give  
10 me another term, of parents that have been  
11 interrogated to the point of tears. The  
12 process is unbelievably stressful.

14 So if I can just recap, I know I only  
15 have five minutes, so I am kind of rushing  
16 through my preliminary information. I do have  
17 a lot of stories, and I will leave you with  
18 this statement when I leave.

19 Last year, a Russian woman was denied a  
20 bona fide medical waiver for her son with  
21 cerebral palsy. She submitted a religious  
22 waiver. Now, in New York State, you are  
23 allowed a medical objection and religious  
24 objection simultaneously. That's been well  
25 settled in the New York case law. This mom

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2 received her denial the day after she mailed  
3 her religious exemption letter. Her letter,  
4 therefore, could not have been read.

5 She requested an in-person interview,  
6 another legal entitlement that's also well  
7 settled. She was told by Julia Sykes that a  
8 20-minute conversation with the Department of  
9 Health employee Daisy Cruz about the process  
10 was just such an interview. I videotaped that  
11 conversation and God was never mentioned. The  
12 topic of religion never came up. What it was  
13 was a discussion of protocol and procedure and  
14 that's it, and I have the half-hour-long  
15 conversation taped and I will share it with  
16 you on e-mail, absolutely no problem. Ms.  
17 Cruz only talked about the procedure. Ms.  
18 Cruz actually commented she hates this part of  
19 the job. The mom was never asked if she  
20 needed an interpreter, although English was  
21 obviously not her first language. All  
22 throughout the process, this highly educated,  
23 highly successful mom kept saying this was the  
24 reason her family left Russia in the first  
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2 A parent from Staten Island submitted a  
3 letter from her long-time pediatrician stating  
4 the shot would threaten the life of her  
5 daughter. She was denied her medical waiver.  
6 "Life threatening" is the exact words on the  
7 letter from a duly certified currently  
8 practicing doctor in New York State. She  
9 submitted religious waivers in an interview.  
10 She was denied. She is now fighting in the  
11 courts as her child was forced to go to a  
12 parochial school where strangely, the waiver  
13 was readily accepted. The child wants to be  
14 back at her real school with familiar faces,  
15 and the family bears a tremendous financial  
16 burden for her education as well as legal  
17 fees.

18 A Queens mom had a long-standing  
19 religious waiver. It was pulled and denied.  
20 She had her quote, unquote, sincerity  
21 interview. Her CFN liaison shared with her  
22 that she was glad she picked the religious  
23 route because medical waivers -- bold-faced,  
24 capital, underlined -- do not work. Again, I  
25 have this on videotape. If you want to watch

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2 it, that's absolutely fine. It's an  
3 hour-and-a-half long.

4 The woman was more than willing to share  
5 with us that her husband feels that vaccines  
6 cause autism, but she, she doesn't really  
7 know. When the mom alluded to the fact that  
8 her son had autism, the interviewer froze up,  
9 encouraged her to take back that comment.

10 Wink, wink. She also said if the mother  
11 prayed to the M&M man, as if M&M man was a  
12 god, that would be okay. After all, who is  
13 she to judge? Again, on tape. She continued  
14 to say that these religious waivers used to be  
15 a lot easier to get, but now that there is so  
16 much autism, well, it's a lot tougher.

17 The same interviewer told mom she never  
18 looks at the original letter a parent writes  
19 because she wants to start fresh. Other  
20 interviewers dissect the original letter with  
21 the apparent intention of twisting parents'  
22 words. And twist it they do because who can't  
23 twist around your religious belief? Anybody  
24 can. They never make any sense. That's what  
25 faith is all about, and correct me if I am

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wrong.

MS. ROBINSON: Your time is up. Are you going to submit --

MS. PALMA: Yes.

The same interviewer gave the mom hints. She literally said hint, hint, hint, wink, wink. You see where I am going with this? Living color. Laughter.

A Staten Island mom was interviewed by an ex-drug addict more than willing to fill the time with stories of his road to recovery. Much of the interview was taken up with his tale of down and out. She politely and incredulously listened, trying to explain her religious objections in between his personal interest history. She was denied.

A Staten Island mom taped her inquisition without the knowledge of the interviewer, something you are obviously legally allowed to do. This is the last one. When she was denied, she threatened the interviewer with exposure. It took less than an hour for the interviewer to call her back with a reverse decision. What a miracle.

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2 My point of mentioning all these stories  
3 -- and there are more. I have a page and a  
4 half more and I will leave you with them -- is  
5 the First Amendment freedoms of New York City  
6 residents are being completely violated. I am  
7 holding on to these videos as we speak, but if  
8 something like this mandate gets through,  
9 there is no reason for me to keep them secret.  
10 The parents are more than happy with me  
11 sharing them with the media, and that's  
12 precisely what I will do. It's absolutely not  
13 a threat, but something needs to be done to  
14 stop this.

15 Thank you very much.

16 MS. ROBINSON: By the way, if you have  
17 any written comments that you wish the Board  
18 to review, please provide them to Ms.  
19 Burdeynik at the table. Thank you.

20 The next person registered to speak is  
21 John Gilmore.

22 Mr. Gilmore, just note you have five  
23 minutes, and please identify yourself and any  
24 affiliation that you represent.

25 MR. GILMORE: My name is John Gilmore.

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I am the executive director of the Autism Action Network.

We are a national advocacy organization with issues related to autism and related disorders and also issues such as special education. And we also work on the civil rights of people with autism and their families, and included in that are vaccine choice rights and access to health care.

Many of the things I was going to say have been said this morning already, so in interest of time, I will focus on just a few things that haven't been talked about. One is with the flu shot in New York State right now, it is illegal to provide a child under the age of three or a pregnant woman with a flu shot that contains mercury. Half of all these shots currently produced in the United States, unlike those produced in Canada and Western Europe, still contain mercury as a preservative. If this law is implemented, basically most or at least half of the children in New York will be getting flu shots that contain mercury, and one would assume

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that one would have to accept the idea that the shot that is dangerous for a three-year-old is not dangerous for a child that is three years old and one day, which seems to be a little bit far-fetched. That's one issue that we have with this proposal.

Two, there is no real literature that shows that flu shots are consistently effective. The Cochrane Collaboration has done several studies on this, and the evidence is just not there. In particular, there are no studies that are controlled, double-blind, for either the flu shot or for the pneumococcal shot. From now on, I am going to call it Prevnar because that's the topic we are talking about here. They just don't exist, and without that kind of test, you really can't accurately assess the efficacy or safety of drug or product. So I will leave the flu at that point. It doesn't do any good and it's also expensive.

Second, let's talk about the Prevnar. Likewise with the flu shot, it's not demonstrated to be effective. There is a

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2 fairly high degree of injuries related to  
3 Plevnar. And one of the things that's really  
4 troubling about the Plevnar is it's never been  
5 shown to be cost-effective. There has been  
6 one study done on the cost-effectiveness of  
7 Plevnar done by some Harvard program that was  
8 with the all seven-valent Plevnar shot. It  
9 was shown to be slightly cost-ineffective  
10 presuming Plevnar stopped otitis media. What  
11 we found out it has no effect whatsoever on  
12 otitis media. That's where two-thirds of the  
13 cost benefit came from. And there has been no  
14 other studies showing any preliminary  
15 prevention of otitis media since then.

16 Another problem with Plevnar is that I  
17 believe there are 900 strains of pneumococcus  
18 out there. Now, the only thing Plevnar is  
19 doing is stopping those strains it's directed  
20 for, and there is simply a change in the  
21 ecology where the strains that are unaffected  
22 fill an ecological void, and we have no  
23 improvement in overall health. So it's not  
24 cost-effective. It doesn't work.

25 The third thing I would like to address

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2 is the whole process. I have been involved in  
3 vaccine policy in New York for 12 years now.

4 I never heard of any city or local government  
5 in the State of New York implementing its own

6 vaccine regime. This is a first. I am not  
7 entirely sure that the City of New York has

8 the legal authority to acquire its own

9 vaccines. I have read New York State Public

10 Health Law for public health many times and

11 looked at section 2164. There doesn't seem

12 to be anything that allows the City to do this  
13 so I have many questions about that.

14 Also, particularly in the absence of  
15 public health emergency, it would be one thing

16 if we had, say, a smallpox outbreak or

17 something like that, but from what I know,

18 there is no influenza emergency, and there is

19 no emergency related to anything prevented by

20 Prevnar, so there seems to be no basis for

21 doing this at all.

22 And the third thing I would like to

23 bring up is that you know the flu shot and

24 Prevnar are highly profitable products for

25 corporations that do a whole range of

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2 business. And I believe that the Board of  
3 Health needs to consider the potential  
4 conflicts of interest that may exist for  
5 individual members of the Board of Health who  
6 may have business relationships with the  
7 manufacturers of the flu shot or Pfizer which  
8 manufactures Prevnar, and I think they also  
9 need to take into consideration the business  
10 and financial relationships of the hospitals  
11 and other entities that they may be affiliated  
12 with. So I think that needs close  
13 examination.

14 I think any physicians on the Board who  
15 may have accepted speaking fees from Pfizer  
16 need to recuse themselves, and I believe if  
17 they are employed or affiliated with a  
18 hospital that gets donations or has a business  
19 relationship with one of these manufacturers,  
20 I think the conflict-of-interest laws of New  
21 York State require them to recuse themselves  
22 from making this decision. So thank you very  
23 much.

24 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you. The next  
25 person registered to speak is Sallie Elkordy.

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MS. ELKORDY: Hello.

MS. ROBINSON: Hello.

MS. ELKORDY: My name is Sallie Elkordy.

I come from a family of people who are injured by vaccines. My mother had a stroke after she received a pneumonia vaccine. My sister is severely mentally retarded after an annual checkup 55 years ago. My daughter slept for three days after she got the first of the HPV vaccine, which I was actually lied to by the doctor to allow me to believe it was one of the required ones and it was not. My dog received two vaccines and he almost died, and 14 veterinarians came to look at him at the animal hospital here in Manhattan, and after I paid the 4,000 dollar bill for an operation, I was informed that yes, indeed I was right, that it was the vaccine that caused it. But not until then.

And also when my husband was in an emergency room, he was approached four times to take a flu shot. He was there for a pulled muscle, and eventually he was informed that they don't always ask. Well, he checked out.

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2 He was going to spend the night. So I don't  
3 know that I have even told you -- oh, yes. My  
4 son has terrible allergies since the flu shot  
5 and no -- since a vaccine which I was not  
6 asked if he could -- if I wanted him to have.  
7 So that's a whole lot of injury.

8 You know, and you might even want to say  
9 hey, must be something wrong with your genes.  
10 Well, the dog isn't related to me, and my  
11 father enjoyed perfect health all of his life  
12 because he watched what he ate. He ate a lot  
13 of fruit. One flu shot, he was sick for  
14 almost six months, and I thought he was going  
15 to die. So as I say, that's a whole lot of  
16 injury. I am just one family, you know.

17 But I have written back in 2009 a bill  
18 called All Vaccines Are Banned, and at the  
19 time I was basing it in reality. I knew that  
20 all these children I was encountering reminded  
21 me of my sister, and at the time I did not  
22 know my sister was taken down by a vaccine.  
23 So I started to ask the parents hi, my name is  
24 Sally. My sister is severely mentally  
25 retarded, what's the matter with your kid?

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2 And they would say somewhere in the  
3 conversation, "But the doctor said it wasn't  
4 the vaccine".

5 So I heard this so many times, and  
6 incidentally, as the vaccines were increasing,  
7 I was seeing more and more children who  
8 reminded me of my sister. I did not know at  
9 the time that the vaccines were increasing,  
10 but you know, all of this is in retrospect  
11 because there is so much deceit. The problem  
12 really is that we are being given the  
13 choice -- if we are being given a choice at  
14 all -- we are being given a choice of a  
15 life-stealing vaccine, but it is not being  
16 said to us this way. It is being said would  
17 you like a life-saving vaccine.

18 So my new legislation, which is Ban  
19 Vaccines, has Ban Vaccines 2013, this year.  
20 There is no reason to put it off. It has the  
21 ingredients, which are 100 percent toxic, the  
22 diseases that result, which are all diseases  
23 in internal medicine and are deadly or  
24 life-shortening or diminishing your child or  
25 yourself and the intent.

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2 Now, this is legislation that could  
3 stand on its own for the ingredients, for the  
4 diseases, or for the intent or for all reasons  
5 and has been given to legislators at all  
6 levels of government. I guess my question is  
7 how can this transpire through a Department of  
8 Health and Mental Hygiene when I am busy  
9 running around to legislators saying won't you  
10 please sponsor my bill to ban vaccines 2013?  
11 Should I be giving you the legislation? Are  
12 you the ones who will be making this decision?  
13 Because I thought this kind of thing had to be  
14 legislated.

15 Now, there is something very concerning  
16 in my reading the final page or page 8 of this  
17 article, and it says, "All children shall have  
18 such additional immunizations as the  
19 Department may require". What in the whole  
20 wide world is that? Do you know that there  
21 are 271 vaccines currently being looked into?  
22 I learned that in the National Vaccine  
23 Information Center. I am sure they will be  
24 speaking to you shortly.

25 Now, I brought some information for you.

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2 I brought the bill Ban Vaccines 2013. I  
3 brought a very important movie that one of the  
4 speakers is in this movie along with a host of  
5 very knowledgable people: Dr. Susan  
6 Humphreys, Dr. Lucija Tomljenovic who is the  
7 one whose 45 page revealing of basically the  
8 vaccine hoax is over. The intent is to give  
9 us the diseases they claim to prevent.

10 However, they are giving us so much more than  
11 that. This is a very famous article, very  
12 famous Freedom Of Information Act revelation.  
13 She is a doctor with an autistic child who  
14 waited seven years and had to get a court  
15 order to get this information, but so this  
16 movie has all these very knowledgable  
17 doctors -- Nancy Banks, OB/GYN -- and they all  
18 state in no uncertain terms how very bad  
19 vaccines are for us. So to ban them is a  
20 really good idea because they are all risk, no  
21 benefit. We are always told they are only  
22 benefit, no risk or mild risk. It's all risk,  
23 no benefit.

24 So I just need for people to understand  
25 that, in fact, the hoax is over. Everybody

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here knows it. And we have to stop hurting our children. The CDC's schedule is 49 doses of 14 vaccines through the age of five, and now we want to mandate ones on top of that? And so anyone -- any additional immunization?

Do you know currently there are 300 million -- no, what is our population? 300 million. 300 million. We are stockpiling 300 smallpox vaccines. We also have an antidote for it according to the New York Times. Well, first they give you the disease. Then they sell you the very expensive antidote and there is also stockpiling, and you can see this on government websites. 600 million which would be two doses per United States citizen of the H7N9, which I understand is weaponized. They are all weaponized vaccines. These are biological weapons.

So all I can say is today it's the least among us. The ones who cannot say no way, but they say it in their eyes. They say it in their eyes. Don't do this to me. Parents have nightmares from holding their children down while these shots are administered

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1 because of the outcome.

2 MS. ROBINSON: Your time is up.

3 MS. ELKORDY: Thank you ever so much. I  
4 just want to say what I will be leaving you  
5 with the legislation Ban Vaccine 2013, I will  
6 be leaving you with the movie Silent Epidemic:  
7 The Untold Story Of Vaccination, and I will be  
8 leaving you with a card that is from a  
9 multitude of websites including NVIC which has  
10 all the inserts for all the vaccines that show  
11 you the ingredients and the adverse reactions,  
12 and I will be also be leaving with you the  
13 CDC's own writing that says that we have a  
14 very low epidemic of flu this year.

15 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.

16 The next person registered to speak is  
17 John Kopel.

18 MR. KOPEL: Can I begin?

19 MS. ROBINSON: Yes, please.

20 MR. KOPEL: First of all, thank you for  
21 having me. There is a few issues here. There  
22 is health, there is legal, there is moral.

23 Health, this is from the Mercola  
24 website. During the 2012-2013 flu season, the  
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1  
2 flu vaccine effectiveness was found to be just  
3 56 percent across all age groups reviewed by  
4 the CDC, the statistical equivalent of a coin  
5 toss. Seniors age 65 and older of the US,  
6 vaccine effectiveness was 9 percent. That  
7 doesn't seem to be a good basis for poisoning  
8 our children.

9 I am also going to read to you some of  
10 the ingredients in the flu, in the vaccines  
11 from the CDC website also known as the Center  
12 for Death Control: Formaldehyde, a known  
13 carcinogen; aluminum; potassium sulfite;  
14 Thimerosal. Formaldehyde is a known  
15 carcinogen. These are neurotoxins. So there  
16 is other things, despicable things in these  
17 things that you want to poison our children  
18 with.

19 I also -- you know, something that's not  
20 being talked about here. Everyone has been  
21 doing a good, great job, and by the way, do  
22 you see anybody here supporting vaccines?  
23 These are people with children that want to  
24 protect them. My daughter already grew up. I  
25 made sure she didn't get vaccines. These

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2 people don't want their kids poisoned with  
3 your vaccines.

4 Now, I am going to bring up something,  
5 the main issue here nobody wants to talk  
6 about. A little bit scary. It is  
7 depopulation. At 2010 TED Talks, Bill Gates  
8 said vaccines are good because they reduce  
9 population. I want to repeat that. 2010 TED  
10 Talks, Bill Gates said vaccines are good  
11 because they reduce population. This is a  
12 eugenics agenda. Bloomberg is part of the  
13 eugenics agenda. If you support this, you are  
14 also guilty of these crimes against humanity.  
15 You are guilty of the crimes against humanity  
16 for poisoning children with vaccines. You  
17 know these vaccines are poison. So why would  
18 you want to support this? Reprehensible.

19 There was one other thing I was going to  
20 say. It's unconstitutional to force a vaccine  
21 on someone, and one of the ladies before me  
22 said it quite beautifully. The kids, the  
23 parents have to hold their kids down and see  
24 what's happening to them. This is  
25 reprehensible. And by the way, the gold

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2 standard of independent scientific evaluation  
3 analysis, the Cochrane Database Review, issued  
4 no less than five reports between 2006 and  
5 2010, all which decimate the myths that flu  
6 vaccines are the most effective prevention  
7 available. So it's neither efficient, it's  
8 neither safe. The VAERS -- I don't know the  
9 exact meaning of the thing but it's the  
10 government agency responsible for paying out  
11 for vaccine-damaged children -- has given out  
12 2.7 billion dollars since its inception, and  
13 as one of the ladies pointed out here already,  
14 it's hard enough to get that money in that  
15 method because the government has given  
16 immunity to the pharmaceutical agencies as  
17 well as itself for the damage it caused. 2.7  
18 billion dollars, and that was gotten only over  
19 tooth and nail fighting for it. So anybody  
20 that would support this is guilty of crimes  
21 against humanity.

22 MS. ROBINSON: The next person  
23 registered to speak is Alex Gonzalez. Is that  
24 person here?

25 Salvatore Fichera.

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MR. FICHERA: Hello.

MS. ROBINSON: Good morning.

MR. FICHERA: Good morning. For my background, I have a bachelor's of science degree in quantitative analysis; in other words, the foundation for research, and a master's degree in exercise physiology.

In QA, quantitative analysis, I was alarmed to learn that researchers can actually spin numbers to create the story or paint whatever picture benefits them the most. When I was in exercise physiology with a focus on research methods, I learned that results can be entirely distorted either intentionally due to monetary incentives or unintentionally merely due to preexisting expectations, educational slant, and experience of the individual designing of the research methods. Numbers don't lie. People using those numbers to their financial profits do lie.

Prime example. Not too long ago, big tobacco companies came up with research after research after research showing that there was no connection between tobacco and lung cancer,

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2 emphysema, or any of the other diseases that  
3 we know were linked with tobacco. Then we had  
4 food trade groups fighting against Bloomberg's  
5 call to eliminate the hidden trans fatty acids.  
6 All scientists knew that they caused  
7 devastating effects on cardiovascular  
8 wellness, the heart, and yet these food groups  
9 had research supporting their claim, and now  
10 we have Big Pharma with plenty of research  
11 showing there is no connection between  
12 vaccinations and autism and a variety of other  
13 disorders neurologically speaking. How can  
14 any group anywhere have the courage or the  
15 audacity to rely on solely their research?  
16 How can the government allow this?

17 Through my 22 years as a health  
18 consultant and exercise physiologist, I was  
19 well aware that there is no such thing as a  
20 cookie-cutter approach to anything. Whether  
21 that means through exercise methods or  
22 nutritional approaches and most certainly  
23 through the toxicity of drugs, there can never  
24 be a cookie-cutter approach for all  
25 populations. That is insane. Doctors know

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2 that, scientists know that, and yet they deny  
3 anything. They deny any positive, any  
4 possible connection. Doesn't that seem a bit  
5 suspicious? Isn't there some degree of  
6 conflict of interest?

7 Flu vaccinations are a highly inaccurate  
8 science. The one thing that the Big Pharma  
9 does admit to is that the vaccine strain that  
10 they are trying to protect against may not be  
11 correct for that year. My wife, Nioco, laughs  
12 about how she was forced to have flu  
13 vaccinations each and every year she attended  
14 school and yet each and every year she caught  
15 the flu. What is not laughable however is  
16 that she now has lymphoma and that when we  
17 test her blood results, we find she has  
18 excessively high mercury levels, a direct link  
19 to vaccinations.

20 Vaccinations do not leave the body. If  
21 we eat a poisonous substance, we have food  
22 poisoning, we eliminate it. One end or the  
23 other, we eliminate it. It's gone. But when  
24 you inject chemicals -- mercury, aluminum, and  
25 all the others -- they do not leave the body

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and they become cumulative, so while we are all here talking about the immediate effects, we also have to keep an eye on the effects 20, 30 years from now when we forget those diseases are caused by the very vaccinations that we give from youth.

In my 22 years in the wellness industry, I can attest to the fact that the best way to prevent the flu is through lifestyle choices: Proper nutrition, daily rigorous exercise, sufficient rest. Putting toxic chemicals into the body with the hopes of preventing the flu is problematic, and it places toxins in the body which will never leave. It's an approach that weakens the body's ability to resist infections on its own, so anyone who is taking flu vaccines today, five years from now if a new strain comes out that no one anticipated, the ones most vulnerable ironically are the ones who have been taking flu vaccines.

I now work in the high-stress high-pressure business of real estate, sink or swim, and having been an exercise physiologist and wellness consultant, I observe people's

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1 dietary patterns. I see, I ask who takes the  
2 flu vaccine, and endlessly, it always happens  
3 the ones out sick every year for the flu are  
4 the ones who had the flu shot. I even did my  
5 own research when I was on the gym floors of  
6 New York City. I tracked 93 clients and  
7 acquaintances and this is over a five-year  
8 period. Of 93 people, 39 were vaccinated. 32  
9 of those 39 vaccinated clients caught the flu.  
10 Of the 54 who were not vaccinated, nine caught  
11 the flu, including myself, and in each of  
12 those nine cases, those individuals are  
13 overstressed, sleep-deprived, and  
14 malnourished.  
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16 I was 30 years old when I caught my  
17 first flu ever. I was sleeping three hours a  
18 night. I was overstressed, trying to build my  
19 business. I had just moved to Manhattan. So  
20 what was my solution? Not the vaccine.

21 Instead I started to rest more. I never again  
22 allowed myself to get two hours of sleep. I  
23 never again caught the flu. And I am now 53.

24 Two parents of mine still alive, 81 and  
25 85. No flu vaccination, no flu ever, and yet

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2 I see 20- and 30-year-olds suffering ailments  
3 that elders do not, and those youth are  
4 experiencing the very problems caused by  
5 vaccinations.

6 It's unfair. It's a violation of an  
7 individual's basic rights to require the  
8 intake of toxic harmful drugs that may or may  
9 not work, which I know do not, and that may or  
10 may not be safe. We have to understand one  
11 basic fact: Vaccines and immunization are two  
12 completely different topics. Immunization,  
13 that's again when you sleep well, you eat the  
14 right foods, and you exercise. It's fact  
15 these bolster the immune system.

16 MS. ROBINSON: Your time is up.

17 MR. FICHERA: As a final note, drugs and  
18 chemicals do not belong in the human body, and  
19 it's a shame to put the interests and profits  
20 of big corporations against or ahead of the  
21 interests and health of the people. We need  
22 to have compassion, and we need to understand  
23 that any culture to survive and prosper needs  
24 to have a healthy population.

25 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.

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Todd Miller?

MR. MILLER: So I am the father of two young toddlers, one of which may or may not go into the New York City school system next year when he turns five. The gold standard of the independent scientific evaluation analysis, which was mentioned already today, the Cochrane Database Review has issued no less than five reports between 2006 and 2010, all of which decimate the myth that the flu vaccines are the most effective flu prevention method available.

The influenza vaccine does not have a reliable efficiency. The vaccine may not work at all if the virus selected ahead of the time for the vaccine don't match those influenza viruses actually circulating the community. Even the CDC admits that the vaccine does not work as well for the younger children who are targeted in this proposed mandate.

Flu vaccines can and do cause harm. Reported moderate reactions to influenza vaccine includes fever, local reaction, pain, redness, swelling at the site of the

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2 injection, headache, fatigue, sore throat,  
3 nasal congestion, coughs, joint muscle pain,  
4 and nausea. Reported serious complications  
5 include brain inflammation, convulsions,  
6 Bell's Palsy, limb paralysis, neuropathy,  
7 shock, wheezing, asthma, and other breathing  
8 problems. GBS is a disabling neurological  
9 disorder that involves temporary or permanent  
10 paralysis that can lead to death. That has  
11 been causally related to influenza  
12 vaccinations.

13 As of July 2012, there have been more  
14 than 80,000 reports of reactions,  
15 hospitalizations, injuries, and deaths  
16 following influenza vaccinations made to the  
17 Federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting  
18 System including over 1,000 related deaths and  
19 over 1,600 cases of GBS. Adult influenza  
20 vaccine injury claims are now the leading  
21 claims submitted to the Federal Vaccine Injury  
22 Compensation Program. If this is happening to  
23 adults, what do you think this will do to  
24 children who are still developing their immune  
25 system?

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2 49 states do not require influenza  
3 vaccine for children. Does New York City know  
4 something they don't? Most deaths attributed  
5 to influenza are actually due to bacterial  
6 pneumonia, and these days bacterial pneumonia  
7 can be effectively treated with advanced  
8 medical care and therapies like respirators  
9 and antibiotics.

10 Also, it's important to remember that  
11 only about 20 percent of all influenza-like  
12 illness that occurs every year is actually  
13 associated with the influenza. There are over  
14 200 viruses that cause respiratory illness  
15 with flu-like symptoms that could be mistaken  
16 for influenza. About 80 percent of cases of  
17 suspected influenza sent to the CDC for  
18 analysis lab tested negative for Type A or  
19 Type B influenza.

20 The Department should not be allowed to  
21 just add to the schedule "Such additional  
22 immunizations as the Department may require".  
23 Every new addition to the vaccine schedule  
24 must be open for public scrutiny and comment.  
25 There are 271 vaccines currently in

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2 development. Each disease and each vaccine is  
3 different, and the public and medical  
4 community should be given the opportunity to  
5 participate in the decision-making process.  
6 Our children are not your guinea pigs to play  
7 God with.

8 Think about this for a moment. In 1976,  
9 one child in 30 was learning disabled. Today  
10 one child in six is learning disabled. 1980,  
11 one child in 27 had asthma. Today one child  
12 in nine has asthma. 1990s, one child in 55  
13 developed autism. Today it's one in 50.  
14 2001, one child in 500 had diabetes. 2013,  
15 one child in 400 has diabetes. Something is  
16 happening to our children. What do you think  
17 it might be?

18 In 1953, the CDC recommended 16 doses of  
19 four vaccines between two months and age six.  
20 In 1983, CDC recommended 23 doses of seven  
21 vaccines between two months and age six.  
22 Today the CDC recommended 49 doses of 14  
23 vaccines between day of birth and age six and  
24 69 doses of 16 vaccines between day of birth  
25 and age 18. It doesn't took a rocket

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1 scientist to see the correlation.

2 The herd community concept has never  
3 been 100 percent proven. It doesn't even make  
4 sense. Why should the vaccinated even worry?

5 They are supposedly protected from the  
6 unvaccinated. So now the City of New York  
7 wants to pass this mandate that every year a  
8 new influenza vaccine will be injected into  
9 our children plus have total authority to add  
10 any of the 271 and counting coming down from  
11 the pharmaceutical industry. Babies and  
12 toddlers are not your test subjects. If you  
13 pass this, some babies and toddlers will  
14 absolutely endure unjust pain and suffering.  
15 Some will die. How can you possibly live with  
16 yourselves knowing you will be responsible for  
17 this?  
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19 Thank you.

20 MS. ROBINSON: Nourhan Sherif?

21 Did I pronounce your name properly?

22 MS. SHERIF: Thank you for having me,  
23 and I don't have as many stats but I do have a  
24 comment. I am going to try to add comments  
25 and not repeat.

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2 I am a mother of a child who was  
3 vaccine-injured at six months old. He started  
4 throwing up green bile and he nearly died and  
5 he had had six vaccines that day including the  
6 flu shot. I took him to Long Island Jewish  
7 Hospital, which is a good hospital. They told  
8 me in the emergency room that the vaccines  
9 were safe. Now that I have read for two years  
10 two hours a day, I know that they lied.

11 My child had allergies. If Bloomberg  
12 wants to do something to help children, he  
13 should bring a naturopath to test children  
14 for allergies before he injects them with  
15 chemicals because that would save lives. So  
16 if he is looking to leave a legacy -- neither  
17 Bloomberg and I are M.D.s but we have both  
18 done some research. He is looking to make  
19 some money. I am looking to save children.

20 I am a MSW. I am an MBA. I also teach  
21 dance. I see a thousand women a month. I had  
22 a new student two nights ago who walked into  
23 my place to learn a lesson and she said to me  
24 I have a 2-year-old and I said to her don't  
25 give him the MMR because it will kill him.

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2 The MMR is illegal in Italy. It's still being  
3 given here.

4 Andrew Wakefield, God bless him, he is a  
5 saint who lost his medical career trying to  
6 save children and not kill them like Bill  
7 Gates and possibly Bloomberg if this bill were  
8 passed. He is an honorable man who actually  
9 stood up for what was good.

10 There is a movie called The Greater Good  
11 that this whole entire board should see and  
12 it's about the vaccines, the pros and the  
13 cons. The pros totally outweigh the cons, and  
14 honestly, you can't have a conscience and  
15 sleep at night if you pass a bill like this  
16 and you poison children because that's what  
17 you are doing is injecting poison into small  
18 children.

19 My pediatrician came to the hospital and  
20 she assured me that vaccines were safe. I  
21 have now read The Vaccine Epidemic and I know  
22 that's a lie. I have now read The Business of  
23 Baby, which everyone should read, and I know  
24 that that's a lie. It took me two years to  
25 piece it together, and I will quote one of my

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2 son's doctors which is Marilyn Agin. She was  
3 the developmental pediatrician, and she agreed  
4 with me that this child had vaccine poisoning.  
5 Now, she was a developmental pediatrician for  
6 early intervention in the State of New York  
7 for a long time, so she agrees with me and  
8 that cost me to get that opinion. Something I  
9 knew as a mother that was already true.

10 I hired Kenneth Bach, who is also  
11 another New York licensed doctor, originally  
12 from Bayside, who agreed with me that my child  
13 had vaccine injuries and has allergies from  
14 the injury. So if I give him any kind of shot  
15 at this point he could die. I want to remind  
16 you that the Amish community doesn't have one  
17 case of autism and they do not vaccinate, so  
18 we are not just talking about the flu shots  
19 and the chemicals. We are talking about what  
20 this represents. It's unconstitutional. It's  
21 a violation of my rights.

22 I am sure after you do this research,  
23 you are not going to give your children a shot  
24 that has formaldehyde or acetone or aluminum.  
25 My son's aluminum levels at 30 pounds was 96

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2 percent. He couldn't talk. I poisoned my  
3 child. I believed the CDC and I took him to  
4 the doctor and he got poisoned. And I don't  
5 know how any of you can sleep at night knowing  
6 that's going on day after day. Everybody I  
7 know who get the flu shot gets sick. I see a  
8 thousand women a month. They range from  
9 doctors to housewives to everything in  
10 between. The woman that spoke ealier is my  
11 student. I didn't know it until she told me.  
12 I see a lot of women.

13 We will do a grassroots campaign and we  
14 will kill this and we will get it overturned  
15 if it does pass and I will do everything in my  
16 being not to make sure that anybody sticks my  
17 son again. I was so stupid and I was so  
18 brainwashed because the public is so numbed  
19 out. Bill Gates is pontificating in many  
20 lectures about how he is going to depopulize  
21 people and Bloomberg wants to follow in his  
22 footsteps. Shame on him.

23 There is no basis for this. It would  
24 just be poisoning and harming children, and  
25 you have to live with that. It's killing

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2 their immune systems. I want to quote my  
3 naturopath doctor, Dr. Darren Ingalls, who  
4 has a Ph.D. in chemistry and knows how to do  
5 research, and I have permission to quote him  
6 and it says -- and he tells all of his  
7 patients -- if you know how to do statistics  
8 and you analyze the CDC's website, there is no  
9 proof that vaccines work. There is absolutely  
10 no proof. There have been no independent  
11 studies. It's only Big Pharma pontificating  
12 BS to the public, to the masses to keep us  
13 stupid, to keep us poisoned.

14 We haven't brought up the elderly  
15 population. All these people with Alzheimer's  
16 and Parkinson's, they also have heavy metal  
17 poisoning and aluminum poisoning. So they get  
18 a flu shot, they get a flu shot, they get a  
19 flu shot. Someone who has been capable all  
20 their life, all of a sudden they become  
21 psychotic? No. They have heavy metal  
22 poisoning and it's coming from vaccines and  
23 the flu shot is one of the main perpetrators  
24 of aluminum poisoning. Heavy metals, if you  
25 can get it out, it takes years and a lot of

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1 money and you have to go through hell.

2 You can wait to inject people, but when  
3 you inject people when they are small and  
4 developing, you are killing their immune  
5 system. You are killing their chances to  
6 live. The system is already overcrowded with  
7 special needs children, and my son is part of  
8 that now. My son was a healthy infant. He  
9 was fine. He was poisoned by my pediatrician  
10 so now it causes an additional bill for the  
11 taxpayers. I am also a taxpayer in this  
12 country. I was born in this country. I  
13 received 15 vaccines.

14 MS. ROBINSON: Your time.

15 MS. SHERIF: Food handling got better.  
16 Everything got better. And now you get 42 to  
17 48 depending on what state you live in? It's  
18 sick and sad. It's about profit and Big  
19 Pharma and I wonder how much Bloomberg is  
20 going to profit as if this goes through  
21 because it's a financial decision.

22 MS. ROBINSON: Kim Mack Rosenberg?

23 Ms. Rosenberg, five minutes.

24 MS. ROSENBERG: Thank you very much for  
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having me here this morning. My name is Kim Mack Rosenberg and I am president of the National Autism Association, New York Metro Chapter, NAANYM. I am also a practicing attorney and a parent.

NAANYM is a nonprofit providing support to families and professionals affected by the autism epidemic in the five boroughs as well as Long Island, Westchester, and Rockland County. In line with our mission to educate parents, caregivers, and professionals, NAANYM shares with families a wide variety of information concerning vaccine safety and effectiveness so that families can make appropriate health-care decisions for their own families.

Many children with autism are medically complex, and families have difficult decisions to make. NAANYM is not antivaccine. We are in favor of informed consent and protecting the rights of families to make the appropriate choices for their own children. Mandating the influenza pneumococcal vaccine presents unknown risks to very young children with

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2 little, if any, benefit for the children of  
3 New York City population generally.

4 We strenuously oppose these mandates  
5 for preschoolers on several grounds. The  
6 mayor proposes to compel preschoolers to  
7 accept the medical intervention that the 1986  
8 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Compensation  
9 Act, a federal law, has classified as  
10 unavoidably unsafe. Yet New York City, the  
11 health-care providers who administer the  
12 vaccines, and the vaccine manufacturers will  
13 bear no liability should a child be harmed as  
14 a result of receiving the vaccines. They  
15 carry both known and unknown risk to children  
16 who are receiving them, and yet we are not  
17 currently able to reasonably define which  
18 populations were most at risk for adverse  
19 reaction.

20 This one-size-fits-all mandate may put  
21 untold numbers of children at risk of harm or  
22 even death, and a family forced to receive  
23 these vaccinations, should their child be  
24 harmed or killed, will have no resource in a  
25 court of law against the vaccine

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manufacturers, administering health-care professionals, or the City. Instead, their only recourse is an administrative proceeding against United States government, a proceeding that's fundamentally flawed and does not provide procedures and protections of a real court.

As a lawyer, to have an administrative proceeding where there is little or no discovery and where the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure don't apply is a travesty, and despite seeking a blanket mandate for these vaccinations, there is no evidence these shots will benefit the children receiving them. In fact, we believe they won't be effective in protecting the diseases they are alleged to protect against.

As other speakers have said, according to the CDC, there have been no confirmed deaths of influenza in children under five. 2010 is when the data is last available on that, and it's been repeatedly shown that these shots are ineffective. As a speaker earlier said, a very small percentage of cases

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2 of what we think of as the flu are actually  
3 the flu. The number I have heard is one in  
4 six. Thus, the vast majority of people who  
5 believe they have the flu aren't being  
6 protected or impacted at all by the vaccine.

7 In May 2013, Peter Doshi, a Johns  
8 Hopkins University School of Medicine  
9 post-doctoral fellow in comparative  
10 effectiveness research published an article in  
11 the British Medical Journal about public  
12 health officials exaggerating the risks of  
13 influenza in order to market those vaccines.  
14 As he demonstrates, the effectiveness of the  
15 vaccine is likely exaggerated by the fact that  
16 healthy individuals are more likely to receive  
17 vaccines and would have been less likely to  
18 become ill in any event. Moreover, there is  
19 scant evidence that the flu shot reduces  
20 mortality particularly in the elderly, the  
21 original population it was intended to  
22 protect.

23 Mr. Gilmore talked about the mercury in  
24 the shots, and I just want to reiterate that  
25 children may be exposed to a significantly

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2 higher percentage of mercury than is  
3 considered acceptable even for an adult  
4 receiving the flu vaccine. Pneumococcal  
5 vaccine is similarly ineffective.

6 This is the case of the pharmaceutical  
7 industry basically playing catch-up with  
8 mutating strains of virus. This started up as  
9 a small number of valents in the vaccine that  
10 went up to seven, went up I believe to 13, and  
11 now it's at 23. They just can't keep up with  
12 the mutating strains of that disease, and it's  
13 not effective in reducing the diseases it's  
14 intended to protect against.

15 We don't believe that this mandate will  
16 survive legal scrutiny. It's applied  
17 selectively to preschoolers. There is no  
18 emergency or imminent threat. In Jacobson  
19 versus Massachusetts, a hundred years ago the  
20 law in the United States has been that you  
21 must be able to demonstrate that there is an  
22 emergency and imminent danger and an epidemic  
23 of disease that imperils the entire  
24 population. This utterly fails to meet that  
25 standard.

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It's clear that the beneficiary here is the pharmaceutical industry. It's unfair to line corporate pocketbooks on the backs of our children who are the most vulnerable members of our society.

Therefore, we at National Autism Association New York-Metro Chapter urge you to reject these mandates. Thank you very much.

MS. ROBINSON: Katie Wright is the next person who signed up.

Katie Wright?

MS. WRIGHT: Hi. Yes, my name is Katie Wright. I am the parent of an autistic and vaccine-injured child. I serve on the board of Safe Minds, a group dedicated to ending the epidemic of autism induced by exposure such as mercury and other neurotoxins. I join all Safe Minds and their supporters regarding the concern about the recently proposed Board of Health rule requiring children between the ages of six and 59 months get an annual shot for influenza and pneumococcal disease.

Safe Minds' primary concern is vaccine safety. We lack adequate studies supporting

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1  
2 the long-term effects of exposure to flu  
3 vaccine in pregnant women, infants, and young  
4 children. We know that infants and young  
5 children are different from adults. Their  
6 brains growing and developing make them so  
7 vulnerable to neurological injury. For some,  
8 exposure to the flu vaccine can result into  
9 harm because they are more susceptible to the  
10 toxological effects of vaccine ingredients  
11 such as mercury, aluminum, formaldehyde. The  
12 immune effects of the vaccine antigens,  
13 especially with small children, can lead to  
14 seizures, narcolepsy, Guillain-Barré Syndrome,  
15 and autism.

16 Currently, there is no screening to  
17 identify these children before they get  
18 vaccinated. In addition to children between  
19 the age of six and 59 months, this mandate  
20 potentially forces a pregnant woman or a child  
21 over the age of six when brain development is  
22 occurring to receive a flu shot containing  
23 mercury. It's well understood by medical  
24 practice that it is so important to reduce  
25 mercury exposure.

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2 The analogy I am often told is well, you  
3 know, people eat a tuna fish sandwich and that  
4 has mercury in it. It's not at all like  
5 injecting a toddler with mercury right into  
6 the bloodstream. A 40-year-old injected with  
7 mercury containing flu shot would be exposed  
8 to 14 times the amount safe for an adult.  
9 There is no safe amount.

10 On the face of it, I understand the  
11 medical and public health community are trying  
12 to do the right thing, keep our children safe.  
13 If my child had not suffered a catastrophic  
14 reaction to the flu shot, I would not be here.  
15 I would not have spent many years studying the  
16 vaccine safety process.

17 The development of vaccines and the  
18 licensing process is riddled with conflicts of  
19 interests and bad science. The financial  
20 investment of most flu shot researchers have  
21 in their products makes for compromised  
22 science. Additionally, when a child has a  
23 catastrophic reaction, you are out of luck.  
24 There is no recourse. There is really nothing  
25 you can do. Vaccine Court really isn't a

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2 court. It's just not helpful in most ways.

3 When my son suffered irreparable damage  
4 from Prevnar and pneumococcal vaccine, well,  
5 beforehand he was a bright, affectionate,  
6 loving toddler with a great vocabulary. He  
7 was almost potty-trained. Afterwards, he did  
8 not recognize me. He has spent years hitting  
9 his head on the floor, drooling. He no longer  
10 speaks. He is 12 and he is still not  
11 toilet-trained.

12 This didn't have to happen. We can  
13 protect ourselves with hand washing, safety  
14 practices. We don't need a dangerous shot. I  
15 mean, there is no shortcuts to good health.  
16 This isn't the way. I love New York. I love  
17 living here. New Yorkers are smart, savvy,  
18 hardworking, bright consumers. Please trust  
19 them to make the right decision for their own  
20 child.

21 Thanks.

22 MS. ROBINSON: Joan Foley?

23 MS. FOLEY: Hi. My name is Joan Foley.  
24 My background is that my daughter has a  
25 religious exemption from having vaccines. I

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believe that we really don't need anything other than what God has provided for us. We have an immune system and it truly does work and what I want to say here today is that I feel that our freedoms are being taken away. I don't believe that anybody has the right to tell you what you must inject into your body.

My religious exemption is being threatened by such a law where it's just being overridden and I feel it's done out of fear and if you just take that fear and turn it into faith, then you really don't have to worry about stuff like this. I feel that you know, we live on a planet where humanity has to co-exist and so we do need rules. I do believe that we should be allowed to pursue a productive life, and productive is an individual interpretation. If that means that we have differences of opinion, we should be allowed those differences, be they religious, philosophical, et cetera.

America was founded primarily for religious freedom, and you can tell me what I can or can't do while driving, while in a

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2 movie theater, what is acceptable behavior in  
3 public places, but you cannot and should not  
4 be able to tell me what I must put in my body.  
5 Neither the government nor anyone besides  
6 myself has that right. If we cross that line,  
7 it is opening the door that ends all of our  
8 freedom to live as we see fit. Is this really  
9 where we want to go?

10 I wish to ask this panel to seriously  
11 and conscientiously consider the repercussions  
12 of such a law. Don't look just at the  
13 immediate future, but look decades down the  
14 road where to see where this could and would  
15 lead. You must make informed responsible  
16 decisions not only for us but for future  
17 generations, and this is in your hands.

18 Whether or not you agree with what the  
19 people here have said today, the point is that  
20 they all deserve to have the choice to opt out  
21 of any vaccine. We must all have the ability  
22 to make our own choices. Otherwise, America  
23 is not America anymore. I thank you for  
24 allowing me to speak my thoughts.

25 MS. ROBINSON: Lisa Rudley?

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2 MS. RUDLEY: Thank you for allowing me  
3 to speak today. I am a resident of New York  
4 State for over 25 years. I have also lived in  
5 New York City for 15 of those years. I am the  
6 mother of three children, one child who was  
7 vaccine-injured when he was two.

8 I am here to read a statement from the  
9 National Vaccine Information Center. Before I  
10 read that statement, I just wanted to point  
11 out that I was very concerned or astounded to  
12 find out that the press was asked to leave  
13 this hearing, and as I understand it, we are  
14 in a public hearing and they have every right  
15 to be here to record what we are saying as the  
16 public.

17 Secondly, I would like to say that  
18 several years ago the New York State  
19 Legislature had addressed the mandating of flu  
20 vaccines. It had gone through both  
21 health-care committees on both the Assembly  
22 and the Senate side. It's been asked; it's  
23 been answered; it's been addressed by the  
24 public by the State Legislature, and I think  
25 it's quite suspect that Mayor Bloomberg, the

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2 exiting mayor and the Department of Health is  
3 now trying to push this very aggressive agenda  
4 through changing the Department of Health  
5 Code.

6 So I am here to say -- to speak on  
7 behalf -- I am a member of the National  
8 Vaccine Information Center. They are a  
9 nonprofit founded in 1982 to prevent injuries  
10 and death through public education and protect  
11 the informed consent ethic, opposes on behalf  
12 of our New York donor supporters and proposed  
13 amendment of Article 43, programs for children  
14 ages three to five and Article 47. They  
15 oppose this. To add the new influenza vaccine  
16 requirement, fines and permission for the  
17 Department to add whatever additional  
18 immunization the Department may require. They  
19 oppose this.

20 There are risks to every vaccine  
21 including the influenza vaccine. Reported  
22 moderate reactions to the influenza vaccine  
23 include fever, local reactions, headache,  
24 fatigue, sore throat, nasal congestion, cough,  
25 joint and muscle pain, and nausea. Reported

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2 serious complications include brain  
3 inflammation, convulsions, Bell's Palsy, limb  
4 paralysis, Guillain-Barré Syndrome, and  
5 disabling neurological disorders that involve  
6 temporary or permanent paralysis that can lead  
7 to death and has been causally related to  
8 influenza vaccines.

9 As of July 2012, there have been more  
10 than 84,000 reports of reaction,  
11 hospitalizations, injuries, and deaths  
12 following influenza vaccinations made to the  
13 Federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting  
14 System including over 1,000 related deaths and  
15 over 1,600 cases of GBS. Adult influenza  
16 vaccine injury claims are now the leading  
17 claims submitted to the Federal Vaccine Injury  
18 Compensation Program.

19 The influenza vaccine does not have a  
20 reliable efficacy. The vaccine may not work  
21 at all if the viruses selected ahead of time  
22 for the vaccine don't match those influenza  
23 viruses actually circulating in the community.  
24 Even the CDC admits that the vaccine does not  
25 work as well for the younger children who are

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targeted in this proposed mandate.

Multiple labor unions throughout the United States recently opposed mandatory influenza vaccines for health-care workers in facilities, and their public comments are in this written testimony. Over 200 viruses cause influenza and influenza-like illness and can produce similar symptoms. It's estimated that 80 percent of flu-like illness reported during flu season is not caused by the influenza.

Some researches estimate at best vaccines might be effective only against influenza A and B which represent about 10 percent, only 10 percent of all circulating viruses. The Department should not be allowed to just add to the schedule such additional immunizations as the Department may require. Every new addition to the vaccine schedule should be open for public scrutiny and comment.

There are 271 vaccines currently in development. Each disease and each vaccine is different, and the public and medical

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community should always be given the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process. This mandate costs too much.

Fines imposed on schools and day-care facilities for not ensuring everyone has every dose of every vaccine is over the top and adding to a punitive layer that will cost taxpayers even more money. Additionally, publicly funded organizations will lose money in subsidies for lost attendance days due to children being kicked out of attendance for lack of compliance for a new vaccine that is required every year, and this is from the -- again Dawn Richardson, the director of advocacy. Thank you.

MS. ROBINSON: Is there Alex Gonzalez here? Is there anybody else here who wishes to speak who was not registered to speak?

MS. FINN: I have a question. Was the press told to leave?

MS. ROBINSON: I have no idea.

MS. PALMA: Can we find out?

MS. ROBINSON: Well, our press people

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2 will be able to clarify.

3 MS. HOLLAND: Can you have one come to  
4 speak to us on this? I mean, this is  
5 important.

6 MR. MILLER: He issued a picture and she  
7 escorted him out, the woman who was here in  
8 the white dress.

9 MS. ROBINSON: Is there anybody else  
10 here though who is interested in speaking who  
11 has not signed up to speak?

12 Please give your name and you have five  
13 minutes.

14 MS. LANDESS: Thank you for letting me  
15 speak. My name is Jazra Landess. I am a  
16 mother and teacher here in Bayside. I became  
17 very interested in this cause after seeing  
18 numerous students of mine become affected by  
19 vaccinations. I am here to just say that this  
20 is wrong.

21 I have a two-year-old who is  
22 unvaccinated. He is healthy. He is smart.  
23 He is incredible, and I have other  
24 two-year-olds that I teach that can't even  
25 speak. One of my students were severely

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2 aluminum-poisoned because of these shots.

3 Every parent deserves to have a choice  
4 in what goes into their child's body. No  
5 panel, no organization, no government official  
6 should be able to make my choice for my kid.

7 It's wrong what you guys are doing here.

8 Please, please listen to me when I tell you  
9 these shots are poisonous. They are

10 dangerous. 84,000 people since 2012 have been  
11 injured, hospitalized, affected by this shot  
12 that you are trying to put into children under  
13 5 years old. 1,600 of those people have  
14 neurological disorders. A thousand people  
15 have died.

16 These are adults and children that are  
17 dying. You cannot, in good conscience, put  
18 these poisons in our babies. These are  
19 babies. They cannot make the choice for  
20 themselves. Please do the right thing here.

21 Please. I will not let anyone poison my  
22 child. I cannot let that happen to him.

23 I am struggling with students who cannot  
24 talk. They are two years old and they can't  
25 say ten words. It's just wrong. Please

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2 understand the toxins in these shots are going  
3 to kill children. If you mandate this for  
4 every child, every year many children are  
5 going to suffer. Some of them are going to  
6 die.

7 I am a mother. These people are  
8 parents. They deserve to make their choice  
9 for their kid. Who are you guys to tell them  
10 that they can't choose whether or not they  
11 should immunize their kid? We have an immune  
12 system. God gave us an immune system. It  
13 works very well. All you need in this life is  
14 to live a healthy lifestyle, to give proper  
15 nutrition to your children. You do not need  
16 to inject poisons into their bloodstream in  
17 order to safeguard them. In fact, it makes no  
18 sense to do that. Okay.

19 If you put something into your  
20 bloodstream, it bypasses all natural immune  
21 functions. All natural immune functions.  
22 What it will do is systematically break down  
23 the immune system. It does not fortify the  
24 immune system. It does not help the immune  
25 system. This is ridiculous. Please do not

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poison our children. It's our children. It's our choice. Trust us. Thank you.

MS. WINDHOLZ: My name is Roslyn Windholz. I am Deputy Counsel for the Department of Health. It sounds like there was some confusion. No press was asked to leave. Press is welcome to attend the public hearings.

We have been getting a number of phone calls about people personally videotaping the hearing on their own. They were told not to. The gentleman that left, I don't know. I was just told that somebody left, he was under the impression that he was asked to leave. He most certainly was not asked to leave. He was just asked to not photograph or videotape because we don't videotape our public hearings. So if anyone speaks to this individual, they can just let him know he was never asked to leave.

MS. PALMA: I am videotaping right now. I believe I am well within my legal right to videotape a public hearing. I am certain I am. Are you saying I am breaking the law?

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2 MS. WINDHOLZ: I am just telling you  
3 that under the legal requirements, there is no  
4 requirement for public hearings to be  
5 videotaped. Okay? There is no requirement  
6 under the Open Meetings Law for these meetings  
7 to be videotaped.

8 MS. PALMA: That's completely correct.

9 MS. WINDHOLZ: I am not going to stop  
10 you now from videotaping. I am not telling  
11 you you are breaking the law. I am telling  
12 you legally public hearings are not required  
13 to be videotaped, and that's what the  
14 individual was told. No one was asked to  
15 leave so if there is any confusion.

16 MS. RUDLEY: I asked him twice to  
17 clarify, and he said he was asked to leave.

18 MS. WINDHOLZ: We can speak after. I  
19 know exactly what I said to him, and I know  
20 exactly what I said to the gentleman in the  
21 back of the room. He certainly was not asked  
22 to leave by me. If someone else asked him to  
23 leave, I cannot speak to that. I can only  
24 speak what I said to him.

25 MS. PALMA: I am not sure a conversation

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2 after this is appropriate. This is a public  
3 hearing, and everything that occurs within is  
4 public information so we have a right to know  
5 exactly what you said to the gentleman.

6 MS. WINDHOLZ: I explained to you what I  
7 said to the gentleman, that people have asked  
8 to videotape these sessions in advance. There  
9 were a couple of calls that were made to the  
10 legal offices to ask whether or not  
11 videotaping would be allowed. Those  
12 individuals were told that we do not have a  
13 system for videotaping. Some people  
14 do not want to be videotaped. This is  
15 a public hearing and legally there is no  
16 requirement.

17 MS. ELKORDY: I am the one  
18 who made the phone call, and you told  
19 me I couldn't videotape my own  
20 speech.

21 MS. WINDHOLZ: Yes. I think there was a  
22 miscommunication, but the one thing I am  
23 positive that was not miscommunicated was no  
24 individual was told to leave this public  
25 hearing. So I don't want to belabor this. I

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2 am happy to speak with someone at the end of  
3 this when we wrap this up.

4 MS. PALMA: But why at the end of it?  
5 You are a public employee. There is no  
6 end-of-it side conversation. The point is  
7 that anything that you are willing to say to  
8 Ms. Rudley after should be said in front of  
9 us.

10 MS. WINDHOLZ: It will be the same.

11 MS. PALMA: Side conversations are  
12 inappropriate. Please share with us now. I  
13 respectfully request that whatever you were  
14 willing to say to Ms. Rudley afterwards say to  
15 us now because this is a public hearing and  
16 subject to Open Meetings Laws, FOIA Laws.

17 MS. WINDHOLZ: What I am explaining to  
18 you is that under the Open Meetings Laws --

19 MS. PALMA: Twice you said you will talk  
20 to her after the meeting.

21 MS. WINDHOLZ: All right. If you  
22 prefer, I won't speak with her after the  
23 meeting because I won't tell her anything  
24 different.

25 MS. ROBINSON: Just a minute. I would

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like to call this to order and I am going to close the meeting until 5 minutes before 12:00 if nobody else is registered to speak on the subject.

Yes?

MR. LANDESS: I would like to speak, please.

MS. ROBINSON: Please identify yourself for the record.

MR. LANDESS: My name is Gregory Landess. Good day, everyone. My name is Gregory G-R-E-G-O-R-Y, L-A-N-D-E-S-S. I am a parent, New York City resident, citizen, born at NYU Hospital.

I am not sure where to begin. This is obviously a heated debate. It's been ongoing. I think the issues are much greater than just what we are talking about here. I would like to find a common ground. I would like to take it for granted that everybody involved in this has child welfare in their best interests. That's the main concern.

I also have been places where people suffer from illnesses that we take for

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2 granted, and I understand that if you are in a  
3 place rampant with polio, you will do anything  
4 to protect your child, and it's very easy for  
5 us here not facing those illnesses to say I  
6 don't want to give this to my child because we  
7 are not facing this diseases daily.

8 With that being said, the science just  
9 doesn't add up. I don't see how to avoid flu  
10 injecting yourself with flu is the ultimate  
11 solution. I understand immunity and exposure  
12 and antibodies, whatnot, but we are injecting  
13 serious poison. The science is not fully  
14 tested. We are basically experimenting on  
15 children, and I think it's very naive looking  
16 at history to think that we can't fail in  
17 these endeavors. Every great disaster that we  
18 had, Hiroshima, Chernobyl -- and there is  
19 medical ones. Tuskegee, that's another  
20 situation, but nonetheless it's always been  
21 experts in charge, and now they are telling us  
22 they are the experts and that they are  
23 understand what's best for our children and  
24 it's just against common sense.

25 Again, I think the primary issue is just

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2 healthy living. If Bloomberg -- I mean,  
3 Bloomberg, that's a whole other scenario. I  
4 know this is not to kick a dead horse, but in  
5 my mind, he is a illegitimate mayor. He broke  
6 two major laws. First off, you are not  
7 supposed to be mayor for a third term. That's  
8 against the law. Second, you are not supposed  
9 to change the law for your own political gain.  
10 He did both of those things, so in my mind he  
11 is illegitimate in that regard.

12 Not to go on a tangent again, I just  
13 think it's naive to think that it's just  
14 everything is okay. Injecting your child with  
15 poison. It doesn't add up. It's against  
16 common sense. I am amazed people are so  
17 naive. Let me inject myself with this. Let  
18 me listen to just what I am being told. It  
19 doesn't add up. I am just looking for a  
20 little more common sense. I am looking for a  
21 little more common sense in all of this.

22 These parents are obviously concerned.  
23 Yes, there is a lot more to be studied and  
24 whatnot, but let's leave it to the parents at  
25 this point. Nobody is going to take care of

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2 my child better than I am, and that's just it.  
3 That's just the reality of the situation. I  
4 appreciate science, statistics, feedback, but  
5 let us make the decisions. Thank you.

6 MS. ROBINSON: Is there anyone else here  
7 who would like to speak?

8 MS. EBANKS: Hi. I am Marlene Ebanks, and  
9 with other parents, we are all parents of  
10 children with autism and my main concern is  
11 there has been proof of vaccine damage to  
12 children. If we are going to mandate or  
13 children have adverse reactions to vaccine, my  
14 son had a very bad reaction to the flu shot.  
15 He was three and his physician was concerned.

16 She didn't want to give him the toddler  
17 shot because of the ingredients, and she said  
18 I will give you two doses of the infant shot.  
19 He took the first dose, and he was sick for  
20 almost two weeks with raging fever. He lost  
21 about 15 pounds and when we went back, I said  
22 what is this? She came, she said I just saw  
23 him, he lost so much weight. I said he got  
24 sick after the flu shot. She said oh, because  
25 he doesn't have the full dose. Let's give him

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2 the second dose at which point I am like no,  
3 we have had enough doses.

4 I have had the flu shots, and in my case  
5 I usually get just like full-blown flu for  
6 years, and my doctor said take the flu shot,  
7 Mrs. Ebanks. Take the flu shot. I took it. I  
8 was sick, I had coughing, fevers. The only  
9 thing is I haven't gotten the flu as bad since  
10 I have taken the shot, but I have never taken  
11 it again and I think if they are going to be  
12 mandated requirements for these immunizations  
13 and leave it blanket for other immunizations,  
14 then there has to be a way to try to rule out  
15 or identify the most at-risk population.

16 There has to be a way of saying that we are  
17 going to reduce the risk here because it's too  
18 big a jump.

19 Also, there is so many poisons within  
20 the vaccines themselves. Is there no other  
21 way that you can find safer vaccines? Are we  
22 only going with vaccines by the major  
23 pharmaceutical companies? You know, there is  
24 a lot of concern about the mercury in the  
25 vaccine, the aluminum in the vaccine. Are

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2 there vaccines that have less toxins? What  
3 are we talking about?

4 Also, for me as a parent to hear that  
5 this law itself not only concerns the flu  
6 shots but the pneumococcal, and it gives  
7 blanket permission for the Department of  
8 Health to add vaccines, and at some point, it  
9 doesn't make sense. That means you can just  
10 add it at will, or you are going to have more  
11 public hearings when you decide the vaccines?  
12 How do we as parents get to know which  
13 vaccines you may or may not add?

14 My son had a very bad reaction to the  
15 varicella shot and he should be taking the  
16 second dose and the doctor already said we are  
17 going to have to subject him to a whole bunch  
18 of tests to be sure if it's the varicella  
19 versus the last time he took Tylenol. So now  
20 we have additional tests.

21 You know, my child has -- for me  
22 personally, he has high functioning autism.  
23 He just got diagnosed with epilepsy. He has  
24 central sleep apnea. He has acid reflux. He  
25 has combined ADHD and he has sensory disorder.

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2 We have a lot of tests. These are now  
3 additional tests, so my concern is I am not  
4 one of those parents that are like, you know,  
5 I hate vaccine because I am not American. I  
6 come from a country where vaccine has saved  
7 lives, that it was necessary. So I understand  
8 that sometimes it is important. I come from a  
9 country where people were dying of polio  
10 before they introduced the shot.

11 So it's not -- for me, it's finding a  
12 balance between what is absolutely necessary  
13 and understanding the risks involved, and you  
14 know, giving parents a voice, letting us be  
15 heard instead of treating us like we are  
16 crazy. Some of us sound crazy because we go  
17 through so much. We go through so much  
18 doctors. We pay for this evaluation, that  
19 evaluation. It's kind of scary to know that  
20 now there is so much more. You have to sit  
21 down and research.

22 So if the Department of Health wants to  
23 do these vaccines and wants to do it in such a  
24 manner, then I say some consideration should  
25 be given to and acknowledge that there is

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2 serious risk of these vaccines. That's all I  
3 have to say.

4 MS. ROBINSON: Is there anybody else  
5 here who wishes to speak? Please come up  
6 here, please. And please identify yourself  
7 for the record. You have five minutes.

8 MR. KAHAN: Moishe Kahan.

9 If, according to the EPA in a swimming  
10 pool of 1 million gallons of water you drop 2  
11 teaspoons of mercury, that's considered unsafe  
12 to drink. The amount of mercury in the  
13 average flu shot is 25,000 times that much.  
14 Instead of 2 parts per billion, it's 25 per  
15 million according to data from the CDC and the  
16 vaccine manufacturers. The insert from the  
17 flu shot, which I have here, says it has not  
18 been tested. If you want to read this, I will  
19 gladly give you the honor.

20 It's not been tested for carcinogenics.  
21 It's not been tested for infertility nor has  
22 it been tested for safety for the fetus. Now,  
23 how do we implement such a policy? Where on  
24 earth is this democracy? Is this caring for  
25 childhood safety or is this criminal? Anybody

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2 want to rebut me?

3 MS. ROBINSON: The purpose of the  
4 hearing -- which you missed I guess because  
5 you just came in -- is to provide information  
6 to the Board of Health on whether to adopt  
7 this particular proposal, and they will get a  
8 transcript of your remarks.

9 MS. ELKORDY: May we get a transcript of  
10 this entire hearing?

11 MS. ROBINSON: Yes. You may apply to  
12 the Office of the Secretary. If you have a  
13 copy of the actual resolution, it has  
14 information on the front as to where you apply  
15 for a copy of the transcript.

16 MR. KAHAN: According to CDC's own  
17 documents in '03, which was the first year  
18 that they started pushing the flu shot on  
19 children under age five, deaths from flu rose  
20 by probably 900 percent in children in that  
21 age group. That's the CDC's own data. So how  
22 are we ignoring the talking from both sides of  
23 the mouth?

24 If anybody would step down to any  
25 morgue, check medical records. Most children

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2 who die from SIDS are within 24 hours of the  
3 vaccine, and the bulk of the rest is within  
4 the next seven days. Baby monitors have been  
5 put on the babies' cribs. From the day they  
6 came home from the hospital for the next six  
7 months, breathing was perfect until the week  
8 after the vaccine, and at that time we don't  
9 know what SIDS is caused by. I challenge you  
10 to find one baby who was nursed -- not  
11 bottle-fed -- and unvaccinated and died from  
12 SIDS. One out of the 4,000 that die from SIDS  
13 every year. Thank you.

14 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.

15 Is there anybody else who has something  
16 to say about this particular resolution?

17 Yes, please. You can come up. Just  
18 identify yourself for the record, please. And  
19 you have five minutes.

20 MS. AZUMA: My name is Yuka Azuma.  
21 Y-U-K-A, A-Z-U-M-A. I am a New Yorker with  
22 two children. I wonder how many of the  
23 children of the lawmakers or maybe the  
24 executives of Big Pharma are in the public  
25 New York schools. Do they have the luxury so

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that when the law like this passed, can they say okay my kids are there, we will just send the kids to private school where it's not mandated? I care about all the people in New York. I care about all the people in the world. I really give love. You put poison in your children if you want to give love. That's all I want to say. Thank you.

MS. ROBINSON: Is there anyone else here who has not registered and who wishes to speak at this point?

MS. FINN: I still have a question that was not answered.

MS. ROBINSON: If you have any kind of question, you can send us a letter with your question.

MS. FINN: Well, my question is I want to know if you were going to answer our questions and when can we do that? If I submit to you questions, I want to know if I am going to get an answer because this whole process, I am not quite sure what happened here. We were allowed to come and make presentations. I want to know when the

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2 government and the City of New York is going  
3 to be accountable for the issues that we have  
4 raised. I want to know.

5 MS. WINDHOLZ: So why don't I just  
6 answer that question? This process for this  
7 public hearing is not unlike the process that  
8 is exactly the same process we have for public  
9 hearings for any proposal that we have to  
10 amend our laws. You are a lawyer so I direct  
11 you to the City Charter, the CAPA process  
12 which spells it out.

13 A transcript of the hearing and all the  
14 comments will be shared with our Board of Health  
15 members prior to our next Board of Health meeting,  
16 which will help them decide whether or not  
17 to approve this proposal.

18 MS. ELKORDY: When is the meeting?

19 MS. WINDHOLZ: The meeting is sometime  
20 in December. We are more than happy to let  
21 you know.

22 MS. HOLLAND: Is that a public meeting?

23 MS. PALMA: I would like to be  
24 registered as a party of interest for that  
25 meeting.

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2 MS. FINN: Do we direct our questions to  
3 you?

4 MS. ROBINSON: If you have any further  
5 comments to submit today, you can submit them  
6 by 5:00 today, and they will be brought before  
7 the Board of Health. The process at the Board  
8 of Health meeting is that the Board of Health  
9 reviews all the comments and all of the  
10 written comments that are received with  
11 respect to this particular proposal. And they  
12 get a chance to discuss the comments as well  
13 as any concerns they have. And they then vote  
14 on the proposal.

15 MS. HOLLAND: Is that an open meeting?

16 MS. ROBINSON: The Board of Health  
17 meeting is a meeting where people may attend.  
18 People may attend in the audience but there  
19 are no questions. There is no interaction  
20 between the Board and the audience.

21 MS. PALMA: But it wouldn't be  
22 technically an executive session?

23 MS. ROBINSON: It's not an executive  
24 session. It's an open meeting of the Board of  
25 Health that takes place before any members of

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2 the public who wish to attend.

3 MS. FINN: And there is no opportunity  
4 to have any of these issues answered, any of  
5 these questions presented; is that correct?

6 MS. WINDHOLZ: No, that's not correct.  
7 The opportunity will be when we address the  
8 comments, when we look to whether we adopt the  
9 proposal, change the proposal, don't adopt the  
10 proposal, and the same way that you all have a  
11 Notice of Intention for this proposal, when we  
12 get to the point of adopting the proposal, if  
13 that's what we do, we address the comments in  
14 the Notice of Adoption.

15 So is there an opportunity for a  
16 dialogue like this at this public hearing today  
17 at the Board of Health meeting? No, but  
18 every single person's comment will be  
19 reviewed by the Department of Health program  
20 people, Department of Health legal people, and  
21 Board of Health members. Every single  
22 comment, written comment, transcript of the  
23 public hearing will be shared with all those  
24 people.

25 MS. ELKORDY: If we write to

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resolutioncomments@health.NYC.gov, we can also  
get a copy of that?

MS. WINDHOLZ: Get a copy of --

MS. ELKORDY: The transcript of this  
entire --

MS. WINDHOLZ: I don't believe you can  
get a transcript from resolutioncomments.

MS. ELKORDY: I don't see an e-mail that  
says that particular thing. So I am saying is  
this the e-mail this lady was referring to?

MS. WINDHOLZ: In terms of getting the  
transcript?

MS. ELKORDY: Yes.

MS. ROBINSON: It's on the Notice of  
Intention here. It says on the very first  
page, the second paragraph from the bottom of  
the first page, "Copies of written comments  
and a transcript of all the oral comments are  
available as soon as the hearing transcript  
becomes available between the hours of 9:00  
and 5:00 at the Office of the Secretary", and  
you have been speaking to Ms. Windholz who is  
the Secretary to the Board of Health.

MS. ELKORDY: Right. I now know that.

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2 MS. WINDHOLZ: So what I will tell you  
3 is if you provide an e-mail address, we  
4 will make sure to let you know when a  
5 transcript is ready. I am prepared to do that.

6 MS. ELKORDY: Yes. Thank you.

7 MS. WINDHOLZ: Provide your e-mail  
8 addresses. Once we get a transcript we  
9 will notify you of the transcript availability  
10 by e-mail.

11 MS. PALMA: I can do that by the  
12 original e-mail.

13 MS. WINDHOLZ: However. I am just  
14 saying give your e-mail, put your e-mail  
15 address. Once we get a transcript, we will  
16 let you know.

17 MS. ELKORDY: Thank you.

18 MS. PALMA: Can I make one respectful  
19 comment? I have attended hearings before. I  
20 think what's kind of bothering people a little  
21 bit is there not a whole lot of back and  
22 forth. You are listening and I thank you for  
23 that. When I spoke, there were no questions.  
24 I have a unique perspective. I would  
25 anticipate questions. When I do talk about

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this, I do get questions so I am wondering if this is somewhat perfunctory and this is sort of a perfunctory exercise, well, we held a public hearing. Now we are going to make the real decision when the doors close and when nobody knows about the meeting. I am going to be honest with you because I drove three hours and not going to be not honest.

MS. ROBINSON: The Board of Health will take cognizance of your comments and they will be in the transcript and they will have a chance to review those comments as well as any other comments to determine if they think they need to change any procedures or not. It will be up to the Board of Health.

MS. FINN: Can she and other mothers send comments today until 5:00?

MS. PALMA: Considering this is a passionate topic and it's very important, can you keep the record open past 5:00 today?

MS. WINDHOLZ: Yes. What is today? Today is Wednesday. I will say we will allow comments until Friday. Friday at 5:00 p.m..

MS. BANKS: I have a question. Who

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makes the decisions and what are their qualifications?

MS. WINDHOLZ: Okay --

MS. ROBINSON: Actually, it's 12:00, and I am closing the public hearing if there is nobody else here who wishes to make a statement about the resolution.

The hearing is closed.

(Time noted: 12:00 p.m.)

