

Trenton Vaccine Rally – State Capitol Building  
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Thank you for inviting me to speak before you today.

Why do we need to have a rally like this?

Why is it necessary for parents to have choice about what vaccines they want to give their children?

The short answer is that children are getting sick from vaccines and no one is listening: not the medical profession or the American Academy of Pediatrics; not the vaccine manufacturers; not the FDA, the CDC, or the NIH; not the media; and not the state and federal governments.

What are parents to do when each authority in this country turns its back on what is happening to our children?

Today, I want to issue three challenges:

The first challenge is to parents: Increase your voice for choice. Don't stop speaking out.

You have done your homework.

You know that vaccines are contaminated with foreign animal viruses from monkeys and chick embryos, just to name a few.

You know vaccines contain toxins and you know the toxins have never been studied in infants and children when injected into their bodies, regardless of how small the injected amounts may be.

You know we have no idea what happens to vaccine materials when they're injected into our children. Do they interact? Do they hurt children? You wonder if any of them enter into the brains of our children.

You are aware that vaccine safety studies are flawed and sponsored by the very companies financially invested in the outcomes of the studies.

You have learned that proper scientific methods have been overlooked when vaccines are scientifically studied.

You know there are decades of scientific data from multiple scientific studies, journals, memos, and conferences showing the damaging effects of vaccines on children that have been buried and covered up by the authorities for the sake of the Program and the financial success of the industry. It is a program that continues to try to convince the public how safe and effective vaccines are and how we can continue to add as many vaccines to the schedule as we want to, making parents believe that infants and children can tolerate them all at the same time.

You know that scientists and physicians have testified before Congress about the damaging effects of vaccines, only to be ignored.

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You know that the type of information about vaccines that is publicized and made known to the masses is controlled by the medical authorities invested in the Program.

You know that you are made to feel fear; you are bullied and brow-beaten to conform to the party line.

You know how citizens, scientists and physicians who try to speak out and reveal the truth about the vaccine Program, are threatened, lose their labs, their jobs, and their licenses.

You have the evidence that children fall ill at the hands of vaccines. You see it every day of your lives, and have to live with the turmoil of trying to bring health back to your kids.

You know that having philosophical exemption will not lead to outbreaks. Almost 20 states in the US have the philosophical exemption and these projected outbreaks have still not occurred.

You know you have little opportunity to be heard and respected.

And time is running out.

So, I challenge you again: voice your need for choice. Keep the volume up until enough people hear you and listen. Don't give up. You are the main voice that has uncovered the truth and is truly protecting your children. You drive the movement to educate each other and bring light to this issue.

My next challenge is to my colleagues in medicine: Listen and learn that there is more to know than what we've been told. We need to be braver than we've been.

We were trained to be physicians. We were told certain truths by our mentors, and continue to receive information from the sources that told us these truths.

We were also taught as pediatricians to always listen to the mothers, that they know their children best. And, we have not done a good job of doing so.

We have used and abused our authority, believing that we know all that there is to know, and, as a result, have lost the respect that comes with sharing responsibility for caring for people's children.

We took the Hippocratic Oath: first and foremost, Do No Harm.

The reality is we stand to lose a lot if we listen to what parents are saying and actually investigate what they know. We stand to eat a lot of humble pie when we learn that the parents are right.

We stand to realize that all along, we were not doing no harm....that we were complicit in the Program; that what we were taught may not all be true; that we didn't think more for ourselves.

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How hard this realization would be, cracking the very foundational beliefs upon which we were trained to think, believe and practice.

But the science is undeniable and so is the evidence, and we cannot ignore it any more.

All we have to do is read the CDC (Center for Disease Control) *Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Reports*, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, the *British Medical Journal*, the *Journal of Pediatrics*, the *Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine*, the *Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*, the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, the Simpsonwood conference transcript, and multiple other resources to learn that many parents and others are on to something real.

We risk our reputation, our jobs and incomes, and our standing in the medical community if we learn what they are learning and speak out about truths that come from outside the one source that continues to feed us our information.

These are scary times. But we have to be brave. We cannot continue to speak dogma and fundamentalism.

Science is never definitive, as some of our colleagues have led us to believe with regard to 'definitive' studies that vaccines have no relationship to autism. And this, I have to say, is dangerous. Science by its very definition is rarely, if ever, definitive.

We have the opportunity to move away from the offensive posture the medical profession has taken and begin to engage in some tough discussions.

It will be very difficult for us as physicians. Institutions may crumble, organizations may break down and public trust of our profession may need great repair as the truth comes out. But we must take a different tact.

As Einstein said, we can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.

Again, I challenge my colleagues in medicine to listen and learn that there is more to know than what we've been told.

I challenge those physicians, who have been seeing what parents are seeing and reading the science already known and concerning to us, to begin speaking out. Engage in a more scientific dialogue and not in the rhetoric that keeps coming from those who have a stake in keeping the status quo of one-size-fits-all vaccinations and an ever-increasing vaccine schedule. Take whatever fear you have about speaking out and turn it into being responsible to our children in a new way.

My third challenge is to the legislators, and it's the same challenge as the one I gave to my colleagues in medicine:

Listen, and learn that there is more to know than what you've been told.

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New Jersey has the greatest number of vaccine mandates in the union.

Yet, you receive information about vaccines from one source and one source only. You listen to information from the vaccine manufacturers, from the physicians who hold patents for specific vaccines, and from the medical authorities that, of course, are going to feed you favorable information about vaccines in order for you to pass the legislation.

You have no reason to doubt the information you receive. You also have little or no training to examine the information you receive or to understand the nuances of the science they give you.

We, as physicians, took the oath to First, Do No Harm. As legislators, I don't see why you can't be held to these same standards.

I challenge you, the legislators, to allow for greater dialogue, discussion and debate about vaccines, the pros and the cons, and allow for a balanced review of the science to happen directly in front of you in your chambers. Until that is done, I don't see how you can adequately pass these mandates without knowing more of what parents, some physicians and other practitioners, already know about the dangers of vaccines and the poor science published about them.

The public suspects that physicians, who approve drugs and vaccines, are being supported financially by the drug companies bringing these pharmaceuticals to market. It would be devastating for the children if the public learns that legislators receive undo support and even pressure from the medical authorities and vaccine manufacturers, to pass these mandates, as well.

Create the opportunity for dialogue. Be willing to hear what you are sure to have trouble believing, as I did when I started receiving my education about vaccines.

Our children deserve more of your efforts. When the critical mass is reached and the information is finally revealed, as it was with the tobacco industry, it will be on your conscience for not opening up the dialogue and listening more closely.

The time is now.

Thank you all for coming. There's hope in the democratic process if only we can experience it more fully.