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To Premier Kathleen Wynne
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December 21, 2015

Dear Premier Wynne,

**RE: Legal Vaccine Exemptions as provided by the [Immunization of School Pupils Act](#),
Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief [form 4897-64E \(2013/08\)](#)**

It has come to our attention that the office of Ontario's Education Minister, MPP Liz Sandals refused to act as a Commissioner of Oaths for the *Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief* form 4897-64E (2013/08) under the Immunization of School Pupils Act.

It seems that Ms. Sandals is using her personal belief in vaccination to prevent one of her tax-paying constituents from using her office's services to exercise legal exemption rights clearly provided in Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act.

This seems to be a disturbing trend among Ontario MPP's. Two NDP members, France Gelinis and Cheri DiNovo also refuse to assist taxpaying parents in their ridings who choose to exercise their legal rights under Ontario Law to forego or delay vaccinations for their children.

It is unconscionable that Members of the Ontario Legislature are permitted to act in a discriminatory way towards their constituents. As such, we draw your attention to the website of the Ontario Commissioner of Integrity where it is stated:

- 1) Members are expected to act with integrity and **impartiality** that will bear the closest scrutiny.
- 2) A conflict of interest arises when an MPP allows their private interests to interfere with their ability to properly perform their duties of public office.

Furthermore, the legal right to refuse unwanted medical treatment, including vaccination, is protected by Ontario's [Health Care Consent Act](#) and by [the Canadian Constitution](#) which guarantees the legal right to security of the person and the freedom of conscience and religion.

We were also surprised to see in the Official Records for 14 May 2015 in the Ontario Legislature, a motion by Ms. Daiene Vernile, "*addressing the importance of vaccinating our children is intended to bring clarity to the confusion now undermining the science behind life-saving immunization*" which passed the house unanimously.

What was glaringly absent, was a balanced discussion on the risk side of the benefit/risk equation. There was not one mention of vaccine injury, even though every vaccine product insert discloses the risks and

injuries known to be precipitated by the vaccine. As complex biochemical compounds injected into healthy children, every vaccine carries a risk of injury and death. Also missing was any mention of the lack of vaccine injury compensation in Ontario for those who suffer health injuries from vaccination. Canada has been collecting vaccine adverse events reports since 1965.

Our two in depth reports on Canada's reporting system of adverse events following immunization (AEFI) [here](#) and [here](#) clearly show that vaccine reactions and injuries do occur and that the federal government maintains a dual reporting system which results in the vast majority of vaccine-associated events reports being routed to a data base (CAEFISS) where they remain **inaccessible to public scrutiny**.

As an example of what is hidden and what is revealed, the two, full public reports on CAEFISS confirmed that from 1992 to 2012, the **CAEFISS database recorded 87,911 vaccine adverse reaction reports**. Compare this to the publicly accessible Canada Vigilance (CV) database which recorded 551 reports or less than 1% of all adverse reaction reports on CAEFISS during the same years. .

It's estimated that [one in 10 Canadian children](#) have severe allergies, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and other life-threatening conditions. No one in government seems to be asking what environmental factors, chemicals or drugs, including vaccines might be driving this health disaster. In 2011, two studies reported that U.S. children are suffering increasingly from chronic health disorders and are growing into even sicker adults. One [study](#) estimated that, *"43% of US children (32 million) have at least 1 of 20 chronic health conditions assessed, increasing to 54.1% when overweight, obesity, or being at risk for developmental delays are included."* Another [study](#) found that the number of school-age children diagnosed with autism, ADHD, and other developmental disabilities was about 15 percent of children or nearly 10 million. Considering the similarities between social and environmental factors and an almost identical vaccine schedule in the both countries, one could reasonably expect equally grim statistics in Canada.

Premier Wynne, we hope that our concerns regarding the inappropriate refusal by Ontario MPPs to witness and sign personal belief vaccine exemption affidavits will lead to sober reflection on this highly charged issue, and that you will direct Members of the Ontario Legislature to separate their personal beliefs from their public duties.

We respectfully request your acknowledgement of receipt of this letter and your well considered response to our concerns.

Very sincerely,

Edda West, President of Vaccine Choice Canada on behalf of the VCC Board of Directors.

Attachments – Letter to:

1. MPP Liz Sandals, Ontario Minister of Education
2. MPP France Gelinias, NDP Critic for Health and Long-Term Care