

Subject:VCC Complaint - Huffington Post article

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From:Rita Hoffman

To:<****@ombudsman.on.ca>

CC:Vaccine Choice (Canada)

Dear *****,

I am writing regarding the article "We Finally Know Why Some Canadians Still Refuse To Vaccinate" by Jason Tetro, published on Huffingtonpost.ca on June 13, 2016. Here is a link to the article: http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/jason-tetro/vaccine-hesitancy_b_10379706.html

In particular, I would like to point out the third paragraph with states (emphasis mine):

*One of the major concerns about the negative perception is a rising trend in [vaccine hesitancy](#). It's defined as a "delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccination despite availability of vaccination services." Essentially, people may go to great lengths to avoid the use of vaccines as a result of a number of reasons. **Some governments such as Ontario's have taken legislative routes such as mandatory vaccinations for [children](#)**. Despite this, many individuals still have doubts about a variety of vaccine choices.*

The paragraph states, "**Some governments such as Ontario's have taken legislative routes such as mandatory vaccinations for [children](#)**." with a link to the Ontario MOHLTC webpage that we have included in our complaint due to the fact that it implies vaccines are mandatory with no mention of exemptions: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/immunization/ispa.aspx>

It is clear that the author, Mr. Tetro, along with Huffington Post editors, believe that vaccinations are mandatory in Ontario after reading the MOHLTC web page. Once again, the Ministry's failure to provide complete and accurate information on their website regarding the Immunization of School Pupils Act, has led to another media outlet spreading misinformation regarding the vaccination situation in Ontario to their readers.

Is it possible to add this to the VCC Complaint? Could you please let me know that you have received this e-mail?

Thank you *****.

Kindest regards,

Rita Hoffman