I am writing to voice my extreme concern over mandatory vaccinations. It is said that all vaccines are safe and cause no adverse affects but this is simply not true. So, why are the lives of those who might die from a vaccine preventable illness somehow more valuable than those who do die from the vaccine? The choice to vaccinate, or to not, should be between a doctor and their patients. It's about informed consent and decision making, and choosing what risks are acceptable and which ones aren't. Many of the vaccines aren't even designed to prevent transmission but rather a person's own response, so shouldn't it be a personal choice? It scares me that a possible side affect of death would be considered a Mandatory risk. You could equate it to playing Russian roulette with children's lives and well being. It's not a matter of if something happens, but rather when. That is not acceptable. Again, it's about the RIGHT to informed consent, The RIGHT, to choose to vaccinate, or to not, and the RIGHT to make informed decisions with your doctor. This is a a slippery slope and a very scary precedent that must not be set.

Sincerely,

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