

Open Letter to Mississippi Pediatricians:

As parents, we thank you for your dedication and caring service to the children of Mississippi. We have confidence that your priority is and has always been the health of our children, and we trust and depend on you.

As we have learned throughout history, science is never settled. New research and data must always be considered. In the best interest of our children, it is necessary that we commit to considering all available information, even when it conflicts with what we have traditionally thought to be the truth.

In 2004, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published its study in the Journal Pediatrics entitled, "Age At First Measles-Mumps-Rubella Vaccination In Children With Autism and School-Matched Control Subjects: A Population-Based Study In Metropolitan Atlanta." This study was to finally close the door on the question of the MMR vaccine's link to Autism.

In 2014, one of the five senior scientists from the CDC's Vaccine Safety Division broke his silence. Dr. William Thompson was the statistician on this MMR/Autism study. After a decade of "great shame" for the malfeasance deliberately committed by him and his colleagues, he confessed, while unknowingly being recorded in hours of private phone conversation. In the recordings, available to the public online, Dr. Thompson admits in detail how he and his four colleagues committed massive scientific fraud when they discarded data which showed a clear association between the age of first MMR and the development of Autism.

Dr. Thompson is currently protected under the Federal Whistleblower Protection Act and is still employed by the CDC, working in a different division. Congressman Bill Posey has led the charge in Congress calling for a subpoena of Dr. Thompson. Congressman Jason Chaffetz, Chairman of the US Oversight and Government Reform Committee, is currently conducting an investigation and working to get Dr. Thompson subpoenaed.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has failed to demand transparency and answers. They have failed to warn pediatricians of the apparent dangers of the MMR vaccine when given under the age of three. Instead, the AAP has worked to dissuade pediatricians from exploring this controversy. This is unfair to you, our trusted doctors, and even more unfair to the precious families you serve.

The allegation that the CDC has committed fraud must be examined by you, personally. It is increasingly clear that the government agencies and organizations you trust and rely on are failing to do their jobs. Discerning parents are losing trust in their physicians. We must work together to restore trust by aggressively and actively pursuing the full truth and applying that to the way we care for our children. There is far too much evidence and far too much at stake for any of us to bury our heads in the sand.

We the parents implore you to thoughtfully examine and share with your colleagues, the confession of Dr. Thompson and the enclosed documents. Included is also a list of action steps to consider. We would love to meet with you and map out a strategy for moving forward to protect the the health and welfare of Mississippi's children, as well as preserve a relationship of mutual honor and respect with the parents of your patients.

Respectfully Yours,