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Subject: Children's Health Defense's comments for the record on the Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government on July 20, 2023

Addendum: COVID-19 Oversight, Accountability and Justice

Dear Chairman Jordan,

On behalf of Children's Health Defense (CHD),¹ we wish to express our deepest gratitude to you and the committee for your efforts in addressing the crucial issue of censorship and preserving the constitutional right to free speech. CHD's mission is to end childhood health epidemics by working aggressively to eliminate harmful exposures, hold those responsible accountable and establish safeguards to prevent future harm. We fight corruption, mass surveillance and censorship that put profits before people, as well as advocate for worldwide rights to health freedom and bodily autonomy.

CHD was mentioned on multiple occasions during the July 20, 2023, censorship hearing held by the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government.² We appreciate the opportunity to outline some of the unprecedented challenges our organization has faced as a direct result of unwarranted censorship and the profound impact it continues to have on our ability to address critical health and safety issues affecting the nation.

Children in America are facing a health crisis. CHD has worked tirelessly over the years to shed light on childhood health epidemics that require urgent action to address and bring these critical issues to the attention of Congress. Our mission is firmly rooted in moral values and ethical principles, scientific rigor, adherence to the law, and the Nuremberg Code. Furthermore, we are independent of any industry affiliations or influence exerted by captured government health agencies.

Regrettably, our endeavors are consistently met with censorship, vilification, and defamation by powerful entities intent on silencing the voices of those who have suffered harm from, and others who have spoken out about, exposures to heavy metals, radiation, pesticides, herbicides, and vaccine ingredients such as thimerosal and aluminum.

CHD has been at the forefront of exposing the vaccine-autism epidemic, a concern over which Congress has held several hearings.^{3,4,5,6} Our members and community have courageously testified under oath and stood bravely against all odds and opposing forces in order to present the truth — the actual science and evidence surrounding vaccines.^{7,8} Additionally, we have exposed the intricate cover-up by the government regarding the undeniable association between vaccines and autism, including the revelations from a whistleblower at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Senior Scientist Dr. William Thompson,⁹ and Health and Human Services expert medical witness, Dr. Andrew Zimmerman.¹⁰

The gravity of censorship cannot be underestimated, especially considering the distressing state of American children's health:

- Since the 1970s and particularly since the early 1990s, the number of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder has increased exponentially. **Autism now affects 1 in 36 American children,**¹¹ up from 2–4 cases per 10,000 children in the 1970s (Lotter, 1966;¹² Rutter, 2005;¹³ Treffett, 1970¹⁴).
- A national study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* in 2010 zeroed in on the deterioration of children's health over time. From 1988 to 2006, there was a **doubling in prevalence of four types of chronic conditions** (obesity, asthma, behavior/learning problems and “other” physical conditions), rising from 12.8% to 26.6% of American children and youth.¹⁵
- A 2011 *Academic Pediatrics* study “estimated 43% of U.S. children (32 million) currently 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.”¹⁶
- **1 in 6 American children ages 2-8 suffer from a developmental disorder.**¹⁷ 1 in 10 from attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD),¹⁸ 1 in 12 from asthma,¹⁹ 1 in 13 from food allergies,²⁰ and 1 in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20.²¹
- “In 2020–21, the number of students ages 3–21 who received special education and/or related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Pub. L. 101-476) was **7.3 million, or the equivalent of 15 percent of all public school students.** Among students receiving special education and/or services, the most common category of disability was specific learning disabilities (32 percent).”²²

Furthermore, mounting evidence indicates environmental toxins^{23,24} such as heavy metals,^{25,26} pesticides,²⁷ and herbicides²⁸ as the principal culprits, while studies link vaccines and certain vaccine ingredients²⁹ to a wide range of adverse health outcomes, including seizures,³⁰ neurodevelopmental disorders³¹ and infant death.^{32,33}

As the medical, public health, and government circles remain silent on the social and economic fallout from these toxic exposures, American children have never been sicker. The censorship imposed on us and countless other concerned citizens — including medical professionals and scientists — prevents the public and Congress

from accessing this crucial information while hindering open dialogue and impeding progress to protect children and improve health outcomes.

In March 2021, the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH)³⁴ released a report targeting Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (then CHD’s chairman and now its chairman on leave) as part of what it dubbed the “Disinformation Dozen.”³⁵ In its report, CCDH alleged that just 12 individuals and their organizations produced the majority of “anti-vaccine disinformation” on social media. Facebook investigated and dismissed the report, releasing a statement saying that “[t]here isn’t any evidence” to support CCDH’s claims and that the small sample used in CCDH’s analysis is “in no way representative of the hundreds of millions of posts that people have shared about COVID-19 vaccines” on Facebook. Meta (Facebook) further stated, “There is no justification for [CCDH’s] claim that their data constitute a ‘representative sample’ of the content shared across our apps.”³⁶

In 2021 and 2022, CHD was de-platformed from Instagram, Facebook, YouTube and TikTok.³⁷ CHD is now entangled in a series of lawsuits that revolve around the contentious issue of censorship. These lawsuits encompass a range of subjects, each highlighting the organization’s staunch stance on safeguarding freedom of expression and open dialogue. From battles against online platforms restricting access to information on critical health matters to legal disputes concerning the suppression of viewpoints on pressing societal concerns, these lawsuits underscore CHD’s commitment to confronting censorship head-on. These cases include:

***Children’s Health Defense v. Meta Platforms, Inc. et al.*, filed Aug. 17, 2020³⁸**

- CHD sued Meta Platforms Inc. (Facebook), its fact-checkers, and Mark Zuckerberg, alleging collusion with the U.S. government for censoring CHD’s social media content and racketeering to defund and malign CHD’s support and financial interests. The case was dismissed after a March 19, 2021 hearing.³⁹ CHD appealed the dismissal and argued its appeal in the Ninth Circuit on May 17, 2022. The decision is pending.^{40,41}

***Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Children’s Health Defense et al. v. Biden et al.*, filed March 24, 2023⁴²**

- Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Children’s Health Defense (CHD) et al., representing over 70,000 consumers of health information all over the country,⁴³ filed a class action lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana against President Biden and numerous other federal officials and agencies. The CHD complaint alleges that the defendants have colluded with, encouraged and pressured social media companies to suppress speech that the government does not want the public to hear and to silence specific speakers who are critical of federal policy. Plaintiffs moved for an injunction in this case, but the motion is still pending. This lawsuit was assigned to Judge Terry Doughty, who also is the presiding Judge in *Missouri et al. v. Biden et al.*, which makes similar allegations against President Biden and other federal actors and agencies.

- On July 4, 2023, Judge Doughty issued an injunction against Defendants in the *Missouri et al. v. Biden et al.* case, enjoining them from colluding with social media companies to censor speech that contradicted the government’s position on several controversial issues. The Defendants promptly appealed the decision, and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals fast-tracked the appeal.⁴⁴
- Meanwhile, on July 24, 2023, Judge Doughty consolidated CHD’s lawsuit with *Missouri et al. v. Biden et al.*⁴⁵
- The Fifth Circuit heard oral argument on the government’s appeal in *Missouri et al. v. Biden et al.* on Aug. 10, 2023, and the Court of Appeals issued a decision partially upholding the injunction on Sept. 8, 2023.^{46,47}

Children’s Health Defense et al. v. Washington Post, Associated Press, Reuters and the British Broadcasting Corporation, filed May 31, 2023⁴⁸

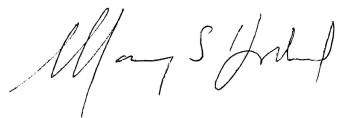
- The *Washington Post*, the Associated Press, Reuters and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) — some of the world’s largest news organizations — joined together, with other news outlets, to form the Trusted News Initiative (TNI),⁴⁹ along with the biggest technology and social media platforms, including Facebook, Google, Twitter, and Microsoft⁵⁰ to censor online news. The complaint alleges that members of the TNI colluded with one another and with social media platforms to target and censor rival online news publishers, violating the Sherman Antitrust Act and the First Amendment.
- On Aug. 30, 2023, Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry filed an amicus brief in support of the lawsuit against TNI, stating, “The scope of TNI group’s conspiracy is wide-ranging. Restricting disfavored information injures not merely the Plaintiffs, but also Louisiana residents and state officials.”⁵¹

As an addendum, we have included a comprehensive report, *COVID-19 Oversight, Accountability and Justice*, that delves into the repercussions of the evolving landscape of censorship during the pandemic. This report exposes where freedom of expression and access to information were restricted and limited, undermining the core tenets of our society and the United States Constitution. With this report, we strive to emphasize the significance of open discourse during times of crisis, especially given that the Constitution was crafted during and for challenging periods. Considering the complexities and implications of censorship during the COVID-19 pandemic and on vaccine-related matters in general, we present a series of considerations for Congress.

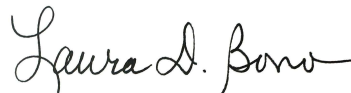
As you continue your vital work, we respectfully encourage the select committee to consider the importance of addressing censorship's dangerous implications for public health, justice, and democratic principles. It is essential to safeguard free speech, including for those affected and the brave scientists and doctors who speak out, share vital information, and advocate for meaningful changes that will improve vaccines and accountability.

We commend your leadership and the committee's dedication to preserving the right to free speech, fostering open, informed discourse, and protecting the principles of democracy.

With utmost respect and appreciation,



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ADDENDUM



COVID-19 Oversight, Accountability and Justice

Beginning in March 2020, Children's Health Defense followed the management of the coronavirus pandemic with grave concern.

The COVID-19 policies implemented by America's federal agencies have resulted in disastrous consequences for the health, social and economic well-being of our nation and its citizens, all at tremendous cost: trillions of dollars in economic damage, hundreds of thousands of permanent small business closures, significant rise in rates of substance abuse, overdose deaths and suicides, devastating impacts on the health, development and education of America's children, loss of public trust in the healthcare system and regulatory agencies, and so much more.

The role of Congress is crucial in protecting American freedoms and preventing unintended negative consequences from pandemic preparedness and response policies. Now is a pivotal time for Congress to look back over the last three years and evaluate what worked and what could have been improved.

COVID-19 Oversight, Accountability and Justice is a summary of how policies, laws, and captured federal agencies harmed Americans during the pandemic, along with considerations for how to increase transparency and accountability in government and secure the protection of our civil liberties. Congress can exercise its oversight to reform policies and avoid similar failures in the future.

COVID-19 Oversight, Accountability and Justice

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Lack of Transparency, Accountability & Vaccine Safety at Federal Agencies

The response to COVID-19 (“C19”) has revealed and intensified the corrupting influence of public-private partnerships between the U.S. government and the pharmaceutical industry along the entire public health policy pipeline, from new drug approvals to regulations. The authorization and reauthorization of C19 countermeasures by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) provide vaccine manufacturers with liability protections under federal law for damages — regardless of how egregious the injuries or severe the consequences, and even for negligence.^{1,2}

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA) for C19 mRNA shots in record time, despite members of the FDA’s Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) being unable to review the relevant infection data. VRBPAC members have expressed concerns regarding the lack of transparency from FDA and Moderna.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responsible for performing Proportional Reporting Ratio (PRR), a standard operating procedure used to define safety signals.³ CDC did not perform PRR analyses on C19 vaccines as required nor in the manner or duration as promised.^{4,5} As a result, CDC ignored statistically significant safety signals and delayed reporting those signals. The following evidence indicates that federal agencies actively disregarded standard procedures to promote these products at all costs:

- FDA ignored its guidance document recommending extensive safety testing of all new inactive ingredients.⁶ Available data show that lipid nanoparticles — the new delivery ingredient in mRNA shots — were never safety tested independently.⁷
- FDA delayed or failed to respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests regarding C19 vaccine safety.^{8,9,10}
- FDA requested 75 years to release documents it used to license Pfizer’s Comirnaty vaccine.^{11,12}
- FDA, CDC and Moderna withheld vital infection data from vaccine advisory committees, indicating the bivalent vaccines were ineffective.¹³
- FDA licensed C19 vaccines without fully consulting advisors, according to FOIA documents.^{14,15}
- FDA and CDC authorized both Pfizer and Moderna’s bivalent boosters under EUA before conducting human trials, based solely on study evidence from 8-10 mice per group.^{16,17,18}

U.S. Healthcare Agencies & Vaccine Makers Disregarded Known Safety Signals:

- FOIA documents prove that CDC and FDA found and ignored hundreds of C19 vaccine safety signals for adverse events (AEs), including myocarditis, Bell’s palsy, blood clotting in the lungs, intermenstrual bleeding, a lack of oxygen to the heart and other serious AEs, including death.¹⁹
- The CDC’s short-term PRR analyses revealed over 500 AEs with *more significant* safety signals than myocarditis and pericarditis.²⁰
- CDC withheld statistically significant incidences of myocarditis from the public for three months, during which time 120 million people received C19 products.²¹
- Pfizer did not take into account serious AEs that occurred during clinical trials, as was the case with 12-year-old Maddie de Garay, who suffered debilitating injuries including loss of feeling from the waist down, inability to eat, seizures, verbal and motor tics, menstrual cycle issues and loss of bowel and bladder control.^{22,23}

“I was angry to find out that there was data that was relevant to our decision that we didn’t get to see. Decisions that are made for the public have to be made based on all available information—not just some information, but all information.”²⁴

– **Paul A. Offit, M.D.**, FDA VRBPAC member; director, Vaccine Education Center, and attending physician, Division of Infectious Diseases at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

Considerations:

- Reestablish the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship.
- Restore confidence and integrity in medical and scientific research, studies and journals by eliminating the pharmaceutical industry’s funding and influence.
- Ensure congressional oversight and enforcement of product approval processes and reporting.
- Require immediate reporting of statistically significant safety signals to the public and Congress.
- Make all vaccine information and data collection systems available to the public, scientists and doctors to be evaluated and studied.
- Investigate the FDA and CDC approval process for C19 products, addressing how EUAs were authorized and conflicts of interest currently prevalent in public health decisions.

Regulatory Capture by the Pharmaceutical Industry

Regulatory Capture:²⁵ A form of authority corruption in which a regulatory agency advances the commercial or political concerns of special interest groups that dominate an industry or sector over the public interest. Under regulatory capture, federal agencies and regulators have neglected and abandoned their duty to protect the health and safety of the American people. Instead, they allow industry to influence policy, putting profits before people. In addition, existing safeguards against conflicts of interest are ineffective and require reform.

Undue Influence:²⁶ Along with regulatory capture, the pharmaceutical industry utilizes financial means to exert significant influence over those responsible for protecting and improving public health, including medical associations, medical and scientific journals, providers, government health regulators and agencies, the media and public health officials.

- Directors of federal agencies, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and numerous other government scientists have historically accepted royalty payments from the pharmaceutical industry.²⁷ The details, however, are not transparent and have yet to be revealed to the public or Congress.²⁸
- 46% (\$2.8 billion) of FDA’s \$6.1 billion budget came from “user industry fees” paid by the pharmaceutical industry in FY 2021.^{29,30}
- 48% of U.S. doctors accept payments from the pharmaceutical industry, representing a \$2.4 billion industry.³¹
- 80% of the leaders of ten professional medical associations (including the Infectious Disease Society of America and the American College of Physicians) received payments from the pharmaceutical industry totaling nearly \$130 million in 2017-2019, based on publicly available data.³²

- The CDC Foundation is an independent nonprofit created by Congress, beginning operations in 1995 to “mobilize philanthropic and private-sector resources”³³ to raise private funds and direct donations to the CDC for research.³⁴ The CDC Foundation’s annual Active Programs Reports cite a range of donors, including Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, Bayer, Merck, Gilead Sciences (maker of remdesivir) and other pharmaceutical companies, Bloomberg Philanthropies, numerous universities, state and international health agencies, the World Health Organization, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and many more.³⁵

“Despite the agency’s disclaimer, the CDC does receive millions of dollars in industry gifts and funding, both directly and indirectly, and several recent CDC actions and recommendations have raised questions about the science it cites, the clinical guidelines it promotes, and the money it is taking.”³⁶

– **Jeanne Lenzer**, medical investigative journalist and former associate editor, The BMJ, USA

Considerations:

- Hold hearings to investigate the conflicts of interest inherent in the partnerships between federal regulators, the pharmaceutical industry, medical associations, and scientific and medical journals.
- Transfer all responsibility for monitoring vaccine safety away from FDA and CDC and place it in the hands of an independent scientific body devoid of conflicts of interest and financial ties to the pharmaceutical industry.

Collusion, Censorship & Vilification

Authoritarian C19 policies have significantly harmed American society and government. Violations of the constitutionally guaranteed right of free speech and expression, along with the intentional obstruction of open and productive discourse concerning C19, have resulted in high levels of mistrust of government and public health agencies. The result has been political polarization, discrimination, increased vitriol and even violence. Federal agencies colluded with technology and social media companies to censor information and discredit critical thinkers as dissidents. The following are only a few examples:

- **Collusion:** The “Twitter Files” show that government agencies unequivocally coordinated with Twitter to block experts and private citizens from sharing information that contradicted the official government narrative for C19.³⁷ Expressions of free speech regarding alternative theories and countermeasures were incorrectly labeled as misinformation and disinformation, despite the fact that many have since been conclusively proven true. Facebook and Google acted similarly.³⁸
- **Censorship:** Censorship emanating from the highest levels of government resulted in the suspension and expulsion of prominent, respected medical doctors, scientists, journalists, politicians and public figures such as Jay Bhattacharya, M.D., Naomi Wolf, Ph.D., Sen. Ron Johnson, Alex Berenson and Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
- **Vilification:** Public statements regarding the risks and benefits of alternative therapies and policies to address C19 were discouraged through aggressive legal and social means and the threat of reputational harm. The government utilized censorship and persecution to assume control of doctor-patient relationships.^{39,40}

A coordinated attack was unleashed on the distinguished medical scholars and Nobel laureates (educated at Harvard University, University of Oxford and Stanford Medical School) who authored a unified statement in 2020 known as the Great Barrington Declaration (GBD)⁴¹ detailing the harms of prevailing C19 policies and the merits of “Focused Protection.”⁴²

The GBD currently has over 937,000 total signatures, including 873,000+ concerned citizens, 16,000+ medical and public health scientists and 47,000+ medical practitioners.⁴³

Former NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins sent an email⁴⁴ to Dr. Anthony Fauci, former director of NIAID, commanding a “takedown” of the GBD.⁴⁵

From: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); Lane, Cliff (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)
Cc: Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6)
Subject: Great Barrington Declaration

Hi Tony and Cliff,

See <https://gbdeclaration.org/> This proposal from the three fringe epidemiologists who met with the Secretary seems to be getting a lot of attention – and even a co-signature from Nobel Prize winner Mike Leavitt at Stanford. There needs to be a quick and devastating published take down of its premises. I don't see anything like that on line yet – is it underway?

Francis

Considerations:

- Prohibit federal government employees from colluding with technology companies to censor and discredit Americans.
- Investigate the ways in which the government and pharmaceutical industry influenced the media and technology companies to spread misinformation and disinformation to the American public.
- Request that the Department of Justice (DOJ) protects every American's right to free speech.

Dr. Anthony Fauci & C19 Origins

As Director of NIAID and advisor to two U.S. presidents during the C19 pandemic, Dr. Anthony Fauci's leadership and public health policies raise serious questions for Congress, especially as it conducts oversight on the origins of C19, government funding, pandemic policy and related reauthorizations.

- As established in Congressional hearings, Dr. Fauci misled the American public by making contradictory claims about C19's origins, natural immunity, the nature and severity of C19 and the efficacy of various preventative measures.^{46,47,48}
- He advocated for and supported mandates, masking, lockdowns and school closures, which have had a devastating effect on the economy, our children's health and the American way of life.^{49,50,51,52,53}
- Dr. Fauci collaborated with social media platforms to guarantee compliance with the official government narrative, which resulted in freedom of speech violations, provoked discriminatory attitudes among the public, and severely limited open or nuanced discourse.⁵⁴
- He proclaimed, "I represent science," effectively disallowing investigation into his views since he equated himself with science, insinuating conflicting scientific opinions were not science.⁵⁵
- Dr. Fauci's emails reveal how he worked with several scientists who went on to write a story in the form of a scientific article intended to cover up NIAID's use of taxpayer dollars to fund SARS Gain-of-Function research.^{56,57,58} "The Proximal Origins of SARS-CoV-2" was published in Nature Medicine on March 17, 2020, to dispel the lab-leak theory and was dispersed across mainstream media outlets.⁵⁹

*"No bars, no restaurants, no nothing. Only essential services. When you get a place like New York or Washington or California, you have got to ratchet it up."*⁶⁰

– Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, former Director of NIAID

Considerations:

- Ban Gain-of-Function research, leading the way to enact a treaty to ban it globally.
- Prohibit the use of federal funds for Gain-of-Function research.
- Identify and hold accountable those organizations, institutions and universities that conducted, condoned or funded Gain-of-Function research.

American Economy & Way of Life

The extent of the harm caused to Americans by C19 lockdowns, mandates and experimental products will not be fully known for years. Citizens were polarized and isolated by C19 policies and restrictions. Many people with conditions other than C19 were denied or delayed receiving critical, and often life-saving, medical care. Meanwhile, the misleading, irresponsible, disparaging messaging from government "experts" and the media provoked intense fear as people were locked in their homes. As a result, depression, anxiety, developmental delays, layoffs, substance abuse, educational deficits, and low levels of trust in the healthcare system have become ubiquitous. Analyses of government data sources, including the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and CDC/FDA's V-Safe and Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), estimate the social and economic costs from destructive C19 public health policies:

Economic Costs

- 100% increase in the federal debt-to-GDP ratio in 2020 due to C19 spending; the debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to hit 200% by 2051.⁶¹
- 49% reduction in small business revenue in the first quarter of 2020.⁶²
- 30% of small businesses closed in the first quarter of 2020.⁶³
- \$147.8 billion estimated economic cost to the U.S. as a result of lost productivity and work time from vaccine-induced injuries, disabilities and death.⁶⁴

Social Costs

- 70.4% of American adults reported moderate or serious mental distress early in C19.⁶⁵
- 30% rise (91,799) in drug overdoses in 2020;^{66,67} 17% rise (106,699) in 2021.⁶⁸ Drug overdoses in 2022 are estimated to be 109,680.⁶⁹
- 13.3% increase in substance abuse early in the pandemic.⁷⁰
- 30% and 32% drop in trust in the healthcare system among citizens and doctors, respectively.^{71,72}
- Discrimination against unvaccinated people has become common.⁷³

Costs to Children & Young People

Multiple studies have shown that healthy children have virtually no risk of death from C19.^{74,75} Despite Pfizer⁷⁶ and CDC admitting that C19 vaccines do not prevent transmission⁷⁷ or infection,^{78,79} CDC still decided to add them to the recommended childhood immunization schedule in February 2023. Former CDC Director Rochelle Walensky told Congress that C19 had caused “2,000 pediatric deaths” (.0027 percent of children under 18 in the U.S. in 2021),⁸⁰ but stated “it was the only way it could be covered in our Vaccines for Children’s Program. ... That was the reason to put it on the schedule.”^{81,82} Vaccinated children and teenagers can still contract and transmit C19 and are at risk for side effects, injury or death. Additionally, children and teens have suffered significant harm as a result of pandemic countermeasures that may last a lifetime, including the following:

Anxiety, Depression & Abuse

- 58% of young adults experienced high levels of psychological stress.⁸³
- 50.6% increase in suicide attempts among girls aged 12-17 during winter 2020-2021, and 31% increase for all adolescents in 2020.⁸⁴
- 34% of college students experienced depression, and 32% experienced anxiety.^{85,86}
- 55.1% of adolescents experienced emotional abuse, 11.3% experienced physical abuse, 23.8% experienced hunger, and 66% had difficulty completing schoolwork in the first half of 2021.^{87,88}
- 106% rise in reports of online child sexual exploitation during the first month of stay-at-home orders in the U.S., climbing from 983,734 in March 2019 to 2,027,520 in March 2020.⁸⁹
- 50% of the victims who received help from the National Sexual Assault Hotline were minors, for the first time ever, in March 2020 when shelter-in-place orders were implemented across the country.⁹⁰

Educational Deficits

- 1-3 months of learning loss in math and reading for U.S. students.⁹¹
- Disparities in test scores between high- and low-achieving students are more pronounced.⁹²
- 22-point reduction in IQ scores (dropping from approximately 100 points to 78) and decreased cognitive performance in babies born during C19, exhibiting “significantly reduced verbal, non-verbal, and overall cognitive performance compared to children born pre-pandemic.”^{93,94}

Additional Harms

- Increase of nearly two hours of screen time per day among children in the first year of C19, which is associated with suspected poor health outcomes.⁹⁵
- Forced masking contributed to medical, psychological, developmental, emotional and social harms.^{96,97}

1.5 Million+ Vaccine Adverse Events & Deaths Reported to VAERS

The FDA recalls an average of 4,500 drugs and devices annually and has stopped other vaccine programs for as few as three deaths.^{98,99,100} The FDA and CDC willfully ignore the growing evidence of extensive C19 vaccine injury. VAERS is a national early warning system to detect safety signals in U.S.-licensed vaccines co-managed by the FDA and CDC.¹⁰¹ Less than 1% of AEs are reported to VAERS, according to the most recent estimates from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, funded by HHS’s Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.^{102,103} Reported AEs for C19 vaccination include myocarditis, pericarditis, heart attacks, anaphylaxis, shingles, miscarriages, Bell’s palsy, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, and other life-altering injuries including death.^{104,105}

- 1,574,580 total reports of injuries and deaths following C19 vaccines were submitted to VAERS as of July 14, 2023, including: 35,611 deaths,¹⁰⁶ 299,765 serious injuries,¹⁰⁷ 206,108 hospitalizations,¹⁰⁸ 151,477 urgent care visits,¹⁰⁹ and 67,030 permanently disabled.^{110,111}
- 18% of 16–64-year-olds, or 26.6 million Americans, experienced injuries due to the C19 vaccine rollout program that started in 2021, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, CDC and Pfizer.¹¹²
- 16% higher risk of serious AEs from mRNA C19 products versus a placebo.¹¹³
- mRNA C19 products have been linked to cancer, Bell’s palsy, neurodegenerative diseases, myocarditis, tumorigenesis, liver disease and other diseases.¹¹⁴
- Before federal agencies recommended the product to very young children, 20 members of the U.S. Congress sent a letter to FDA Commissioner Robert Califf and members of VRBPAC citing several serious safety concerns and asking questions, which were never answered. Members of Congress expressed their concerns noting that “These mRNA vaccines lack long-term safety studies and may carry unknown long-term risks.”¹¹⁵

Disability & Mortality

- 24.6% rise in disabilities following vaccination, affecting 1.36 million Americans in 2022, according to estimates made using U.S. government data.^{116,117}
- Millennials aged 25-44 experienced a sharp increase in “excess deaths” by late 2021.¹¹⁸
- 40% increase in the death rate of 18–65-year-olds (the labor force) in the second half of 2021. The majority were not classified as deaths due to the C19 virus.¹¹⁹

“From February 2021 to March 2022, millennials experienced the equivalent of a Vietnam war, with more than 60,000 excess deaths. The Vietnam War took 12 years to kill the same number of healthy young people we’ve just seen die in 12 months.”^{120,121}

– **Edward Dowd**, Former BlackRock Executive and author of
“Cause Unknown”: The Epidemic of Sudden Deaths in 2021 and 2022

Considerations:

- Immediately remove C19 vaccines and boosters from the Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger.¹²²
- Hold a hearing to investigate the rate of occurrence and consequences of C19 vaccine injuries.
- Strictly enforce the existing law requiring healthcare providers to report vaccine AEs to VAERS, expanding to require all AEs that CDC currently “strongly encourages” to be reported.^{123,124}
- Implement a Vaccine Injury Table for all C19 products and ensure vaccine injury and death victims are recognized and receive justice.

Abuse of Emergency Powers

The 2005 Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) extends blanket immunity to all (covered persons, products and manufacturers) that HHS determines to be countermeasures to respond to a health emergency.¹²⁵

The PREP Act's Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) is:

- **Ineffective.** Of the 11,897 C19 claims in CICP, as of July 1, 2023:^{126,127}
 - 70% (8,403) allege injuries or death from C19 vaccines.¹²⁸
 - CICP reviewed 8% of claims, and of those, denied 97%.¹²⁹
 - 52% of denied claims were due to missed filing deadlines.¹³⁰
 - Four claims were compensated: three payments of \$1,582.65, \$1,032.69, and \$3,957.66 for myocarditis and one payment of \$2,019.55 for anaphylaxis.¹³¹
- **Unconstitutional.** No judicial review (except in certain cases of willful misconduct) or Vaccine Injury Table to identify injuries that could be considered for compensation.^{132,133}
- **Financially unsustainable.** August 2021 data reveal a shortfall of around \$350 million (72.1 times its balance) if it had compensated the 1,693 pending C19 injury claims at historical rates.¹³⁴
- **In need of structural reform.** The review process, described as a “black hole,”¹³⁵ is lengthy and opaque, and many claims are rejected outright for lack of causative evidence.¹³⁶

Mandates & Lockdowns - Violation of Informed Consent & Bodily Autonomy

Authoritarian public health policies such as mandates, lockdowns and vaccine passports have had disastrous consequences for the American people and have put untold stress on our fragile economy. For example, vaccine mandates dictated who was allowed to work,¹³⁷ get an education¹³⁸ or travel.^{139,140} Additionally, surveillance and coercive policies violated our fundamental civil liberties,^{141,142} including freedom of speech^{143,144} and freedom of assembly.^{145,146,147}

CDC Director Rochelle Walensky declared C19 was becoming a “pandemic of the unvaccinated” on July 16, 2021, the same day Jeff Zients, former White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator, claimed the unvaccinated accounted for virtually all hospitalizations and deaths.^{148,149} The White House, Dr. Anthony Fauci and mainstream media repeated the narrative.^{150,151,152} This misinformation resulted in the targeting, ostracizing and attacking of Americans who chose not to receive a C19 vaccine. On May 1, 2021, CDC reported 10,262 breakthrough infections, noting the number of cases was a “substantial undercount.”¹⁵³ The same day, CDC announced it had discontinued tracking all breakthrough infections unless a patient was hospitalized or died.¹⁵⁴ Nineteen months later, in January 2023, a paper published in *Nature Medicine* admitted that “breakthrough infections” among the vaccinated have become increasingly common.¹⁵⁵

At the Nuremberg Trials, the international community condemned forced participation in medical experimentation¹⁵⁶ prompting the court to create the Nuremberg Code.¹⁵⁷ The ten research principles of the Nuremberg Code focus on “respect for human rights, individual autonomy,”¹⁵⁸ and “a new, comprehensive, and absolute requirement of informed consent”¹⁵⁹ and are universally accepted. Article 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the United Nations in 1966, reads:

*No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. In particular, no one shall be subjected without his free consent to medical or scientific experimentation.*¹⁶⁰

Yet, only 75 years later, coercive C19 public health policies have violated the ethical principle of voluntary informed consent by mandating experimental products for the American people.

- Vaccination status segregated society and further divided political parties. Instead of the people holding public health officials accountable for feckless policies, they turned on their family, friends and coworkers.¹⁶¹
- Americans were forced to choose between their livelihoods and experimental products.¹⁶²
- Medical ethics of informed consent were disregarded,¹⁶³ and experimental vaccines were mandated for millions of Americans,^{164,165} including our military,¹⁶⁶ even though data show that C19 mRNA vaccines do not prevent transmission.¹⁶⁷
- Falsified and fraudulent clinical trial data regarding the efficacy and safety of Pfizer's C19 mRNA vaccine continue to emerge.^{168,169}
- C19 mRNA vaccines also do not confer or stimulate immunity, which historically has been a requirement to be considered a vaccine. The definition of "vaccine" had to be changed to allow continued use under vaccine protections.^{170,171,172,173}
- Religious and medical exemptions were refused outright or accepted under severe, limited and discriminatory conditions.^{174,175,176}
- Medical doctors have been prosecuted for writing medical exemption letters.^{177,178}
- Americans experienced intense social pressure, coercion and fear of economic consequences¹⁷⁹ (See C19 Impact on American Way of Life & Economy).
- New York City teachers who declined C19 vaccines were flagged with "problem codes."¹⁸⁰

U.S. Military

- 8,433 service members were forcibly discharged from the military for refusing C19 vaccines.^{181,182}
- 36,500 troops sought religious exemptions for C19 vaccines¹⁸³ before a new law forced the Pentagon to rescind the mandate, with 17,500 still pending at the time.¹⁸⁴
- 9.89% of the 19,000 requests for religious exemptions processed were approved (Marine Corps, 0.52%; Air Force/Space Force, 2.31%; Navy, 1.02%; Army, 6.04%).¹⁸⁵

Considerations:

- Investigate the use of surveillance to track and target Americans during C19, including who made the decision, what data were collected, and their usage.
- Require doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health care providers to inform patients of the risks and benefits of the C19 products before administering or dispensing.
- Reform the PREP Act and the C19 Act to ensure transparency, accountability and constitutionality.
- Impose duration limits for a declared National Emergency and limit the authority of federal agencies to impose broad and dangerous emergency powers.
- Require evaluation of emergency health policies to assess the full impact on society and the economy.
- Ensure a thorough understanding and impact of the consequences of proposed policies before implementing countermeasures.
- Forbid the use of vaccine passports to identify and track an individual's health or vaccination status.

Withholding Early Treatments & Natural Immunity

Physicians who used various early treatment protocols for their patients proved these regimens could have saved millions of lives.^{186,187,188,189} However, drugs used safely for decades were blacklisted^{190,191,192} in order to obtain EUAs¹⁹³ for the C19 vaccines and drugs like remdesivir.^{194,195,196} Operation Warp Speed^{197,198} expedited bringing profitable novel mRNA vaccines to the market^{199,200} while safe and effective treatments were ignored.^{201,202,203}

By law, C19 vaccines would not have been eligible for EUA if there were any “adequate, approved, and available alternatives” to treat C19.²⁰⁴ As a result, medications such as ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine were seemingly suppressed to be able to obtain and rush authorization of C19 vaccines. Federal agencies colluded with the media to suppress information and launched organized disinformation campaigns to effectively make it impossible for doctors to have the freedom to treat their patients.^{205,206,207,208} Doctors who recommended early alternative treatments experienced direct attacks against their reputations and medical licenses.^{209,210,211} Individuals were systematically condemned for taking safe, off-patent prescription drugs that have been around for many years, like hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin.^{212,213,214,215,216,217} Multiple studies demonstrate the effectiveness of early treatment with low-cost drugs, for example:

- 85% of C19 deaths were preventable with early treatment, as estimated by Dr. Peter McCullough.²¹⁸
- 62% improvement and 72% lower mortality from hydroxychloroquine as early treatment.²¹⁹
- 62% improvement for early treatment and 49% lower mortality with ivermectin, based on a meta-analysis of 99 studies.²²⁰
- A review of 19 studies of ivermectin use for C19 found “large, statistically significant reductions in mortality,” improved “time to clinical recovery,” and faster “time to viral clearance.”²²¹

Natural Immunity

Public Health officials misled the American people regarding the efficacy of natural immunity in the fight against C19, even implying people might not develop natural immunity at all.²²² However, numerous studies show that natural immunity from prior C19 infection is robust and likely long-lasting.²²³

- Natural infection protects against reinfection and safeguards against severe C19 disease²²⁴ compared to Pfizer two-dose vaccine-induced immunity.²²⁵
- 95% efficacy against reinfection for at least 7 months after natural infection among 43,044 persons in Qatar.²²⁶
- 78% reduction in risk for hospitalization or death for at least ten months.²²⁷
- Study of 7,256 in the U.K. found that antibody levels associated with protection against reinfection likely lasted 1.5-2 years on average, with protection from severe infection lasting for several years.²²⁸
- A comprehensive systematic review and meta-analysis of 54 studies, including 12,011,447 individuals from 18 countries, found an 81% reduction in reinfection after a prior infection.²²⁹
- A study of 52,238 Cleveland Clinic employees found that those who had a prior C19 infection are unlikely to benefit from C19 vaccination.²³⁰

Considerations:

- Protect the ability of doctors and other healthcare professionals to treat patients without government interference or sanction.
- Investigate why ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine were suppressed and/or banned as early treatments.
- Hold hearings to determine who decided to withhold life-saving treatments that expert physicians relied upon to treat their patients successfully.

World Health Organization

Globally, the World Health Organization (WHO) exercised consequential power during C19. Multiple reports suggest the WHO collaborated with China to suppress critical information about the SARS-CoV-2 virus outbreak in Wuhan, China.^{231,232} The previous administration responded by suspending funding to the organization²³³ and notified the United Nations that the U.S. would withdraw from the WHO.²³⁴

The WHO's International Health Regulation Review Committee (IHRRC) is currently working behind the scenes, coordinating significant amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) of 2005.^{235,236,237} These legally binding amendments will circumvent American sovereignty by relinquishing U.S. control over the response to future emergencies to the WHO.²³⁸

The WHO is working to fortify its control by giving itself the authority to mandate public health emergencies instead of bringing together the international community to end the pandemic and restore human freedom. The organization is working to adopt these amendments along with enacting a "Pandemic Treaty" by 2024.^{239,240,241}

In 2022, the 75th World Health Assembly substantially modified the IHR by approving amendments to five specific articles. These amendments introduced a shorter timeframe within which the 194 member nations could decline future amendments. Consequently, once adopted, these amendments to the IHR became legally enforceable upon the U.S., effectively bypassing approval by the U.S. Congress.²⁴²

From the WHO IHRRC Final Report:²⁴³

*The proposed amendments to these definitions could be understood as aiming to change the nature of these recommendations **from non-binding to binding**, and giving a binding effect to WHO recommendations and requests as proposed in other articles. (p 26)*

This Committee is concerned that these proposals may unduly impinge on the sovereignty of States Parties and give binding effects to what are supposed to be recommendations. (p 68)

The obligations set out in paragraph 1 of this proposed new Annex appear to be absolute and unconditional. (p 89)

The proposed amendments to Article 3 pose to "*add equity, inclusivity, coherence and solidarity as principles, either to **replace the reference to dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms**, or as an additional paragraph.*" (p 28)

The WHO held its 76th World Health Assembly in late May 2023 without ratifying a new pandemic treaty or the proposed amendments to the IHR by its conclusion. It did, however, release the draft of a new “Bureau’s text”^{244,245} of the WHO CA+ pandemic treaty for the first time.²⁴⁶

From the Bureau’s Updated Text of the WHO CA+.²⁴⁷

*The Parties shall strengthen science, public health and pandemic literacy in the population, as well as access to information on pandemics and their effects and drivers, **combat the infodemic, and tackle false, misleading, misinformation or disinformation**, including through the promotion of international cooperation.* (p 28, Article 18)

*Each party shall ... **conduct regular community outreach, social listening, and periodic analysis and consultations with civil society organizations and media outlets in order to identify the prevalence and profiles of misinformation**, which will contribute to design communications and messaging strategies for the public **to counteract misinformation, disinformation and false news, thereby strengthening public trust and promoting adherence to public health and social measures.*** (p 28, Article 18)

*“The world, however, requires a different level of legal mandates, such as the ‘Pandemic Treaty,’ to navigate through a particular pandemic, should one occur, and it will, prioritizing actions that may restrict individual liberties, mandating and sharing of information, knowledge, and resources, and most importantly, providing fund for pandemic control efforts, are all necessary during a pandemic.”*²⁴⁸

– **Dr. Abdullah bin Mifreh Assiri**, co-chair, WHO Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations, and Assistant Deputy Minister for Preventive Health, Saudi Arabia

Considerations:

- The U.S. empowers the WHO by donating hundreds of millions of dollars annually.²⁴⁹ Recognizing that the WHO is being funded primarily by private contributions and remains under CCP influence, in addition to its impending IHR amendments and “Pandemic Treaty” — which threaten to violate U.S. national sovereignty — Congress could act to protect America by suspending all U.S. funding to the WHO and withdrawing from the organization.

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