

Opposition Builds Against SB277

Senator Pan is challenged to a debate.

Bill's consequence of practicing medical freedom is forfeiting Educational Rights.

On June 9, 2015, Senate Bill 277 passed through the Assembly's Health Committee and is perilously close to becoming law.

With this bill, Californians will have to choose between maintaining their parental rights to make decisions over their children or their children's right to equal education and childcare services. Assemblyman Rocky Chavez has called out Senator Richard Pan to debate the countless legal and ethical issues that have gone unvetted in the press thus far.

Historically, fear tactics have been used to expedite legislation that curtails individual rights, and eventually the consensus has always been regret and dismay that we could allow such exploitation. The authors of the bill have asserted that the recent measles outbreak necessitates the government impinging on parents' rights to make medical decisions for their children. Assemblywoman Marie Waldron disagrees, "Despite originating in one of the most densely populated places in the country, the 2015 Disneyland measles outbreak was successfully contained and only affected .00035% of the state's population. There is no public health emergency, and no need to eliminate informed consent protections in California public health laws."

"There is no compelling state interest to eliminate a personal belief exemption, especially given that it is being used by such a small percentage of the population," says attorney George Fatheree III, practicing Education Law.

Doctor Jay Gordon, MD FAAP states, "SB277 is not about whether vaccines are right or wrong, I want to make that very clear." Assemblyman Rocky Chavez spoke out about the bill at a rally on 6/12/15, "This isn't an issue of vaccines, this is an issue of freedom...This spreads out to the rights of the individual and limited role of government...I am challenging Doctor Pan to a debate on SB277".

We urge Dr. Pan to accept Assemblymember Chavez' challenge

It's critical that our political leaders understand the diversity in family medical history and susceptibility to adverse reactions and that our children are not all the same.

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