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Response to HHS Secretary Kennedy's Removal of ACIP Members

The Board of Directors of the California Immunization Coalition join professional associations and organizations across the country to express their outrage and concern over the Secretary of Health and Human Services Director, Robert Kennedy Jr.'s dismissal of the highly qualified and expert members of the CDC's Advisory Council on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The decision to remove all 17 members is a deeply concerning action that undermines public trust, sows' confusion, and places unnecessary barriers in the path of effective disease prevention.

This unprecedented action threatens to destabilize long-standing, evidence-based immunization policies and will further erode the public's confidence in vaccine recommendations — the consequences for the health of our communities could be profound.

CIC has released the following statement:

The California Immunization Coalition joins professional groups across the country in denouncing HHS Secretary Kennedy's choice to fire all members of the Centers for Disease Controls Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to install his own selection of members. This action does nothing to restore trust in the community. To the contrary, it creates more confusion and obstacles for the majority of Americans who are grateful to have vaccines to protect us from diseases and preserve our quality and length of life.

ACIP members have faithfully and professionally represented the interests of public health for over 60 years. There is zero evidence of compromise or conflict of interest. Current and past members of ACIP participate in a thorough vetting and review process and are among the most experienced and knowledgeable infectious disease experts in the world.

This action will undermine trust and will impact public health efforts to control preventable diseases.

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