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The Honorable Greg Abbott Governor of the State of Texas Texas State Capitol 1100 Congress Avenue, Room 2S.1 Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Abbott,

On the 17th of June, the U.S. FDA extended emergency use authorization of COVID-19 vaccinations for children as young as six months old, despite the fact that by all objective standards this Covid "emergency" has long been over. This new authorization by the FDA and the recommendation for the same by the CDC is also raising concerns, and many questions remain unanswered, including:

Why did one-third of the children in the FDA's authorization trial fail to complete the trial? Why was approval given when the manufacturer's own studies showed zero benefit for children? Why did the trial ignore children who had already contracted COVID-19? Why was there no evidence that the chance of hospitalization and death was lowered for a child who had already contracted COVID-19 and then received the vaccine? Why was "immuno-bridging" used to apply data from young adults to children aged six to twenty-three months? Why did the trial show no reduction in severe illness, but instead showed as much as a 30% increased chance of contracting COVID-19 after the first dose?

These questions, and many others, have already raised alarms across the country and here in Texas as well. At this time, it is impossible to know both the short-term and long-term impact of these vaccines on young children, especially infants less than a year old.

In an age where experimentation on young children is running rampant, and federal overreach and abuse seems to know no bounds, we must act swiftly and with bold leadership to curb these encroachments on both the rights and dignity of the human person, and basic common sense. Knowing that as Governor you have publicly committed yourself to protecting children from harmful practices, as well as standing up to an over-reaching federal government, we the undersigned are calling on you to do that today.

We are respectfully requesting that you direct the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to immediately halt state distribution and state promotion of COVID-19 vaccines to children under four years old, and take all other necessary steps to ensure these young children are not subjected to this vaccine.



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