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Dear Chairman Massie,

Thank you for the invitation to testify before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform and Antitrust, in the hearing titled, *Follow the Science?: Oversight of the Biden Covid-19 Administrative State Response.*

Our firm's vaccine practice, which spans vaccine injury, exemptions, and policy, has over forty professionals. In our lawsuits, we must prove claims regarding these products with government and high impact journal data and sources. Appeals to credentials do not suffice.

Please find below a few points regarding Covid-19 vaccines we believe provide a broader framework in which to consider the administrative state's actions regarding these products. While these points may conflict with the cultural cognition of some, based on our experience, they reflect the best available evidence.

1. Covid-19 Vaccine Trials Were Robust When Compared with Other Vaccine Trials

The pivotal trials relied upon to license Covid-19 vaccines were robust as compared to the trials relied upon to license most childhood vaccines.

The following chart compares the pivotal trials for Pfizer and Moderna's Covid-19 vaccines with those for FDA licensed vaccines that CDC recommends be injected (three times each) between birth and six months of age:¹:

VACCINE	AGE	SAFETY	PARTICIPANTS	CONTROL USED
		FOLLOW UP		
Covid-19 (Pfizer)	16 years+	6 months+	43,847	Placebo ≈ 2 months
Covid-19 (Moderna)	18 years+	6 months+	30,346	Placebo ≈ 2 months
Hep-B (Merck)	1 day+	5 days	147	None
IPV (Sanofi)	2 months+	3 days	1,300	None
Hib (Merck)	2 months+	3 days	903	Hib
DTaP (GSK)	2 months+	28 days	33,921	DTP
Prevnar13 (Pfizer)	2 months+	6 months	7,489	Prevnar

¹ <u>https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/vaccines-licensed-use-united-states</u> (See Section 6.1, titled "Adverse Reactions: Clinical Trial Experience," of the package insert for each product which, as required by federal regulations, describes the clinical trial relied upon to license the product).

The above data is easily confirmed by reviewing the source material on FDA's website for each product. For example, below is a screenshot of Section 6.1 of the package insert for the Hep-B vaccine in the chart above:

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fatigue/weakness, diminished appetite, and rhinitis. In healthy adults, injection site reacti	ons and s	ystem	IC		
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6.1 Clinical Trials Experience					
Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction					
in the clinical trials of a vaccine cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical	trials of	anothe	er		
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In three clinical studies, 434 doses of RECOMBIVAX HB, 5 mcg, were administer					
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order of frequency, were irritability, fever (≥101°F oral equivalent), diarrhea, fatigue/weal	kness, din	inishe	d		Ð
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The trial reports submitted to FDA to license this Hep-B vaccine (obtained via FOIA) also confirm it was licensed for infants based on a trial with 147 infants and children and 5 days of safety monitoring after injection.² FDA is also over three years late in substantively responding to a petition regarding this patently invalid trial.³

As another example, Prevnar 13 was licensed for babies based on a trial in which Prevnar was used as a control⁴:



In turn, Prevnar was licensed based on a trial in which another experimental vaccine, an "Investigational meningococcal group C conjugate vaccine," was used as a control:⁵

² <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COMBINED-02.pdf</u>.

³ https://www.regulations.gov/document/FDA-2020-P-1857-0001.

⁴ <u>https://www.fda.gov/media/107657/download</u>.

⁵ <u>https://www.fda.gov/media/76076/download</u>.

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				Drowsiness	40.7	42.0	25.6	22.8	19.5	21.9	17.0	16.5					
				Restless Sleep	15.3	15.1	20.2	19.3	25.2	19.0 [§]	20.2	19.1					
				Decreased Appetite	17.0	13.5	17.4	13.4	20.7	13.8 [§]	20.5	23.1					
				Vomiting	14.6	14.5	16.8	14.4	10.4	11.6	4.9	4.8	1				
				Diarrhea	11.9	8.4 [§]	10.2	9.3	8.3	9.4	11.6	9.2	1				
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A chart of each vaccine licensed by FDA on CDC's childhood schedule, along with the control, safety review period, and link to FDA source for each, is available at <u>https://icandecide.org/no-placebo</u>. This chart reflects that none of the vaccines on CDC's childhood schedule were licensed by FDA based on a long-term placebo-controlled trial and most were licensed based on days or weeks of safety follow up after injection. Hence, in comparison with the trials relied upon to license childhood vaccines, the trials for Covid-19 vaccines were robust.

2. Covid-19 Vaccine Trials Anemic When Compared to Drug Trials

While Covid-19 vaccine trials were robust as compared to trials for vaccines on the CDC childhood schedule, they were anemic as compared to trials for most drugs.

The table below (left) lists Pfizer's top five selling products, according to one publication.⁶ The four drugs listed were each licensed based on a long-term placebo-controlled trial – the one vaccine listed, Prevnar 13, was not.⁷ The table below (right) again lists FDA licensed vaccines CDC recommends be injected (three times each) between birth and six months.⁸

⁶ <u>https://moneyinc.com/the-five-highest-selling-pfizer-drugs-of-all-time/</u>

⁷ <u>https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/index.cfm</u> (See Section 6.1 for all drug products).

⁸ <u>https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/vaccines-licensed-use-united-states</u> (See Section 6.1 for all vaccines products).

Pfizer's Top 5	Pfizer's Top 5 Selling Drugs of All Time			Vaccines in First 6 Months of Life (3x Eac				
DRUG	SAFETY FOLLOW UP	CONTROL USED		VACCINE	SAFETY FOLLOW UP	CONTRO USED		
Enbrel (Pfizer)	6.6 years	Placebo		Hep-B (Merck)	5 days	None		
Eliquis (Pfizer)	7.4 years+	Placebo		IPV (Sanofi)	3 days	None		
Lipitor (Pfizer)	4.9 years+	Placebo		Hib (Merck)	3 days	Hib		
Lyrica (Pfizer)	2 years+	Placebo		DTaP (GSK)	28 days	DTP		
Prevnar13 (Pfizer)	6 months	Prevnar		Prevnar13 (Pfizer)	6 months	Prevnar		

Clinical trials are critical for assuring safety. After a vaccine is licensed, it is considered unethical to conduct a placebo-controlled trial. Yet, while drugs are typically licensed based on long-term placebo-controlled trials, this is not true of FDA licensed vaccines on CDC's childhood schedule.⁹ (It is also noted that when another vaccine was used as a control, that "control" vaccine was also not licensed based on a long-term placebo-controlled trial.¹⁰)

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This provides further context for the trials relied upon to license Covid-19 vaccines. While these trials were robust when compared to other vaccines, they are anemic when compared to trials relied upon to license drug products.

3. Economic Interest to Assure Safety in Drug Trials Absent in Vaccine Trials

Economic interests that incentivize a company to assure the safety of its product before release into the market are absent for vaccine products.

Trials for drugs and vaccines are conducted by the pharmaceutical company seeking licensure. For drug products, companies remain liable for injuries the drugs cause after licensure. This provides an incentive to conduct long-term placebo-controlled trials to confirm the safety of drug products before licensure to avoid financial loss after licensure.

In contrast, for vaccine products, this economic incentive was eliminated by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 (the "1986 Act") which gave companies immunity for injuries caused by most vaccines.¹¹ This is why long-term placebo-controlled trials for vaccine products do not make financial sense for companies seeking to maximize profits. In fact, while assuring safety in drug trials is aligned with a company's economic interest, it is in conflict in vaccine trials.

⁹ https://icandecide.org/no-placebo.

¹⁰ https://icandecide.org/no-placebo.

¹¹ 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 through 300aa-34.

Prior to 1986, there were 3 routine vaccines totaling 7 injections.¹² The financial liability from these products resulted in companies exiting the market and leaving only one company selling each with the threat they too would cease selling these products.¹³ Instead of allowing economic interests to drive innovation of safer products, the 1986 Act gave pharmaceutical companies immunity for vaccine injuries for those products *and* any childhood vaccine added to CDC's schedule thereafter.¹⁴ CDC's maternal and childhood schedules now lists 19 vaccines totaling 84 injections.¹⁵

Covid-19 vaccines were developed within this same framework. Like other vaccines, companies developing Covid-19 vaccines knew before they were even developed that they would not be liable for injuries they caused – not only because of the 1986 Act, but also because of the additional immunity provided by the PREP Act, which the executive branch guaranteed in the procurement contracts for these products before they were even developed.¹⁶ We are not aware of any other product given the immunity for injuries that has been afforded to vaccine companies.

4. HHS's Promotion and Defense of Vaccines Conflicts with Regulatory Duties to Identify and Disclose Safety and Efficacy Issues

In recognition that the 1986 Act gutted the economic interest for companies to assure vaccine safety, the 1986 Act made the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") and its agencies responsible for vaccine safety. The issue is that HHS's duties to promote and defend vaccines conflict with its safety duties, and the former duties have sublimated the latter such that companies developing Covid-19 vaccines knew they would, even absent a pandemic, face a friendly regulatory environment.

First, duties to promote an industry inherently conflict with duties to identify and address safety issues. This is why, for example, DOT promotes transportation while safety functions are handled by the independent NTSB.¹⁷ Similarly, DOE promotes nuclear power while safety functions are

¹² https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/images/schedule1983s.jpg.

¹³ <u>Bruesewitz v. Wyeth, 562 U.S. 223 (2011)</u> ("the remaining manufacturer [of DTP] estimated that its potential tort liability exceeded its annual sales by a factor of 200"); <u>Institute of Medicine</u>, *Adverse Events Associated with Childhood Vaccines*, at 2 (1994) (By 1986, "litigation costs associated with claims of damage from vaccines had forced several companies to end their vaccine research and development programs as well as to stop producing already licensed vaccines.").

¹⁴ <u>42 U.S.C. 300aa-11</u> ("No person may bring a civil action for damages … against a vaccine administrator or manufacturer … for damages arising from a vaccine-related injury or death associated with the administration of a vaccine"); <u>Bruesewitz v. Wyeth, 562</u> U.S. 223 (2011) ("[W]e hold that the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act pre-empts all design-defect claims against vaccine manufacturers brought by plaintiffs who seek compensation for injury or death caused by a vaccine side effects.").

¹⁵ <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/by-age/pregnancy.html;</u> <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf</u> (assumes each vaccine given individually and Covid-19 vaccine given annually).

¹⁶ 42 U.S.C. § 247d-6d ("[M]anufacturers" of "any vaccine, used to treat, ... prevent or mitigate COVID-19" shall have "[l]iablity immunity," including, "from suit and liability under Federal and State law with respect to all claims for loss caused by, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from the administration to or the use by an individual of a [COVID-19 vaccine]."); <u>https://aaronsiri.substack.com/p/prep-act-immunity-for-injuries-caused</u> (linking to copies of the federal government procurement contracts for Covid-19 vaccines which provide, for example, that "The Government may not use, or authorize the use of, any products or materials provided under this Agreement, unless such use occurs in the United States and is protected from liability under a declaration issued under the PREP Act, or a successor COVID-19 PREP Act declaration of equal or greater scope.").

¹⁷ <u>https://www.ntsb.gov/about/history/pages/default.aspx</u>.

handled by the independent NRC.¹⁸ But with vaccines, these conflicting duties are handled by the same department, HHS. This same conflict exists for Covid-19 vaccines.

Second, HHS is statutorily required to and does vigorously defend against vaccine injury claims. Under the 1986 Act, one can bring a claim for a vaccine injury, but it is against the Secretary of HHS in the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program ("VICP"). This further conflicts HHS, including because any safety issues identified can be used against HHS in the VICP.¹⁹ Vaccines are the only consumer product where the government defends industry against consumers, instead of vice-versa. The same is true for Covid-19 vaccines – the injured are limited to request benefits from HHS in the CICP.²⁰

Third, the foregoing conflicts may explain why HHS has failed to perform its basic safety duties pursuant to <u>42 U.S.C.</u> <u>§ 300aa-27</u>, titled Mandate for Safer Childhood Vaccines (the "Mandate"), which underpins vaccine safety in our country. The Mandate has three simple requirements: (i) HHS must submit a biannual report to Congress detailing how it improved vaccine safety in the preceding two years – but it has never filed even one report;²¹ (ii) a task force comprised of the heads of CDC, FDA and NIH is to make ongoing recommendations to HHS on how to improve vaccine safety – but that task force was disbanded in 1998;²² and (iii) a list of HHS's vaccine safety duties – but its failure to perform the simple foregoing duties belie its performance regarding this far harder duty.²³

Finally, with regard to FDA and CDC's independent vaccine advisory committees, VRBPAC and ACIP,²⁴ a House Report from 2000 found that "[t]he overwhelming majority of members, both voting members and consultants, have substantial ties to the pharmaceutical industry."²⁵ An HHS

¹⁸ <u>https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/history.html; https://www.energy.gov/ne/office-nuclear-energy.</u>

¹⁹ <u>42 USC § 300aa-12 (</u>"In all proceedings brought by the filing of a petition [in VICP] the Secretary [of HHS] shall be named as the respondent."); <u>https://www.congress.gov/106/crpt/hrpt977/CRPT-106hrpt977.pdf</u> ("DOJ attorneys make full use of the apparently limitless resources available to them," "pursued aggressive defenses in compensation cases," "establish[ed] a cadre of attorneys specializing in vaccine injury" and "an expert witness program to challenge claims."); <u>https://uscfc.uscourts.gov/vaccine-programoffice-special-masters</u>.

²⁰ <u>https://sirillp.com/CICP</u> (Complaint challenging constitutionality of the PREP Act: "CICP claims are consistently lost, ignored, denied, or caught up in the years-long purgatory of government bureaucracy. The compensation, if any, is neither timely nor adequate.").

²¹ <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-01-04-IR0012_Final-Response-No-Records_HHS.pdf</u>.

²² <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Meetings-held-by-the-Task-Force-for-Safer-Childhood-Vaccines.pdf.</u>

²³ <u>https://icandecide.org/no-placebo; https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ICAN-HHS-Notice-1.pdf</u> <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/IHS-Response-1.pdf;</u> <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ICAN-Reply-1.pdf;</u> <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ICAN-Follow-Up-Final.pdf;</u> <u>https://icanlegislate.org/arizona-legislature-gets-eye-opening-vaccine-history-lesson-from-ican-legislates-lead-attorney/.</u>

²⁴ E.g., <u>https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/advisory-committee-calendar/vaccines-and-related-biological-products-advisory-committee-june-5-2024-meeting-announcement</u> ("Advisory committees provide independent expert advice to the FDA on broad scientific topics or on certain products to help the agency make sound decisions based on the available science.").
²⁵ https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/OGR-Majority-Report-1.pdf.

Inspector General report from 2009 found similar issues.²⁶ Our recent investigation of committee members revealed similar issues.²⁷

These structural conflicts in regulating vaccines, whereby regulators view themselves and in fact conduct themselves like partners with pharmaceutical companies when it comes to vaccines (rather than regulators), have deepened since 1986 and are the framework into which Covid-19 vaccines were developed and licensed (as discussed herein) and regulated thereafter (as discussed below).

5. Examples of Structural Conflicts Impacting Covid-19 Vaccine Trials

Clinical trials are supposed to be statistical comparisons of the outcomes of those in the experimental group as compared to those in the placebo group. This avoids, *inter alia*, the introduction of bias into the trial.

(i) Deaths In Experimental v. Placebo Groups

This statistical comparison approach was used when comparing symptomatic cases in the experimental group (8 cases) and placebo group (162 cases) in Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine trial to arrive at a 95% efficacy figure.²⁸ (It is noted there were 3,410 suspected but unconfirmed cases not included in this analysis, the impact of which remains unknown.²⁹) However, when it came to deaths in the trial, the statistical comparison approach was abandoned and instead each death was judged subjectively.

In July 2021, Pfizer's published study reported 15 deaths in the vaccinated group and 14 in the placebo group (including 9 cardiovascular deaths in the vaccinated group versus 5 cardiovascular related deaths in the placebo group).³⁰ In November 2021, FDA's published report of Pfizer's trial stated that "there were a total of 38 deaths, 21 in the COMIRNATY [Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine] group and 17 in the placebo group. None of the deaths were considered related to vaccination."³¹

Hence, a statistical comparison was conducted when the data supported the desired conclusion but a subjective assessment when it didn't. We therefore asked the FDA: "Why are the death data from a randomized controlled trial ('RCT') treated like a clinical case-series rather than an RCT when

²⁶ <u>https://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-04-07-00260.pdf</u> ("CDC had a systemic lack of oversight of the ethics program" including finding that "58 percent of [committee members] had potential conflicts of interest that CDC did not identify" and "32 percent ... had potential conflicts of interest that CDC identified but did not resolve.").

²⁷ <u>https://icandecide.org/press-release/cdc-stacks-its-vaccine-committee-with-pharma-affiliated-members-ahead-of-june-2024-vote-on-covid-19-vaccines/</u>.

²⁸ <u>https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2021/01/04/peter-doshi-pfizer-and-modernas-95-effective-vaccines-we-need-more-details-and-the-raw-data/</u>.

²⁹ Id.

³⁰ https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2110345.

³¹ <u>https://www.fda.gov/media/151733/download</u>.

it comes to assessing causality?"³² FDA responded that it was "unable to respond substantively at this time due to resource constraints and the ongoing pandemic response."³³

(ii) Pfizer Fails to Disclose Serious Adverse Events, FDA Takes No Action

The data submitted to FDA is also unreliable as seen from the case of Maddie de Garay. Maddie is now 15 years old and was seriously injured in Pfizer's Covid-19 clinical trial for 12-15-year-olds, which included only 1,131 children who received the shot.³⁴ Maddie's injuries left her wheelchair-bound and reliant upon a feeding tube, yet Pfizer classified her severe injuries as mere "functional abdominal pain" in its emergency use authorization submission to FDA.³⁵

On behalf of Maddie, my firm wrote to FDA four times and provided her medical records,³⁶ and the de Garays submitted their own comment to FDA about this falsity.³⁷ Neither our firm nor the de Garays received any response until February 26, 2022, 128 days after we first contacted FDA.³⁸ FDA's response contained no explanation for the agency's over 4-month-long delay in responding and, instead, merely suggested that the de Garays file a VAERS report. The de Garays had already done so,³⁹ which raises serious concern about the claim that "FDA takes all reports of adverse events potentially related to vaccines seriously" as it contends.

We separately commenced a lawsuit on September 3, 2022 against HHS for FDA's internal communications related to Maddie de Garay.⁴⁰ It revealed that on June 24, 2021, in response to inquiries from the public, FDA finally asked Pfizer about Maddie de Garay. On June 30, 2021, Pfizer for the first time disclosed to FDA Maddie's serious adverse events, including being wheelchair bound and needing a feeding tube. But Pfizer's report concluded that "the PI [principal investigator] did not feel that the subject's symptology [sic] was consistent with a vaccine related adverse event."⁴¹ As reflected in the email chain, FDA appears to simply accept this conclusion.

All serious adverse events in a clinical trial, whether the sponsor considers them related to the product or not, must be reported to FDA. That the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine causes an injury should not be surprising – injuries from pharmaceutical products occur. What is concerning is that FDA

³² <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Ltr-re-Pfizer-death-discrepancies_2021_11_16.pdf</u>.

³³ <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Pfizer-death-discrepancy-email.pdf</u>.

³⁴ <u>https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2107456</u>.

³⁵ <u>https://www.sirillp.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/nr_EUA-27034.132-Review-Memo-Pfizer-BioNTech-COVID-19-Vaccine</u> <u>RE-4dc738480420dad83663dbb169bd3fd3.pdf</u>.

³⁶ <u>https://sirillp.com/Letter-10-22-2021; https://sirillp.com/Letter-10-25-2021; https://sirillp.com/Letter-01-03-2022; https://sirillp.com/Letter-01-14-2022.</u>

³⁷ <u>https://www.sirillp.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Attachment-5-Oct.-25-2021-Comment-to-FDA-from-de-Garays-8a01a51</u> 68186b3b86ccaca837aaca387.pdf.

³⁸ <u>https://www.sirillp.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Paul-Richards-email-response_2022_02_26_Redacted-33b881e4534f7fc_2af8e5872c01984ea.pdf</u>.

³⁹ <u>https://www.sirillp.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Attachment-6-VAERS-Report-45f531e089effee94bec01a9a9b4a0f9.pdf</u>.

⁴⁰ <u>https://www.sirillp.com/de-Garay</u>.

⁴¹ <u>https://www.sirillp.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/FDA-emails-with-Pfizer-about-M.-deGaray-c6f24607aa9781481eae01d</u> 0d073b684.pdf.

appears unfazed by Pfizer's failure to adequately disclose this serious injury. FDA should have taken serious issue with this conduct, and its failure to do so reflects the close partnership between FDA and Pfizer. That Pfizer faced no ramifications for failing to accurately and adequately disclose Maddie's adverse event, in a clinical trial in which just over 1,000 children received the investigational vaccine, leaves open the question of how many other serious injuries were omitted from the data reported by Pfizer to FDA. (Also note that FDA continues to withhold records in its possession concerning Pfizer's 12–15-year-old trial in which Maddie participated.)

6. Preventing Transmission, an Example of Dogma Driving Policy

CDC and FDA should not have been surprised the Covid-19 vaccines did not prevent transmission because even most vaccines mandated for school do not prevent infection and transmission, including inactivated polio vaccine, ⁴² acellular pertussis vaccine, ⁴³ tetanus vaccine, ⁴⁴ and meningococcal vaccine.⁴⁵ Nor are we aware of a single non-live vaccine for a respiratory infection, like Covid-19 vaccines, that prevents transmission and infection.

As FDA explains, "FDA's authorization and licensure standards for vaccines do not require demonstration of the prevention of infection or transmission."⁴⁶ FDA nonetheless promoted the belief that the Covid-19 vaccines products could do just that, including in the numerous "Just a Minute" promotional videos released by Dr. Peter Marks in late 2021 and early 2022.⁴⁷

⁴² <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/polio/index.html</u> ("Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) is the only polio vaccine that has been given in the United States since 2000."); <u>https://www.cdc.gov/orr/polioviruscontainment/diseaseandvirus.htm</u> ("IPV... protects people from polio disease but does not stop transmission of the virus.") *linking to* CDC, *et al.*, Polio Global Eradication Initiative webpage <u>https://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-prevention/the-vaccines/ipv/</u> ("IPV induces very low levels of immunity in the intestine. As a result, when a person immunized with IPV is infected with wild poliovirus, the virus can still multiply inside the intestines and be shed in the feces ... IPV does not stop transmission of the virus.")

⁴³ <u>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm4902a4.htm</u> (In 1999, CDC provided for "exclusive use of acellular pertussis vaccines for all doses of the pertussis vaccine series."); <u>https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24277828/</u>; <u>https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31333640/</u> ("Mucosal immunity is essential to prevent colonization and transmission of B. pertussis organisms. ... [P]reventive measures such as aPVs [acellular pertussis vaccine] that do not induce a valid mucosal response can prevent disease but cannot avoid infection and transmission. ... aPV pertussis vaccines do not prevent colonization. Consequently, they do not reduce the circulation of *B. pertussis* and do not exert any herd immunity effect.").

⁴⁴ <u>https://www.cdc.gov/tetanus/about/index.html</u> ("Tetanus ... does not spread from person to person.").

⁴⁵ <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mening/public/index.html</u> ("Rates of meningococcal disease have declined in the United States since the 1990s and remain low today. Much of the decline occurred before the routine use of MenACWY vaccines. ... [D]ata suggest MenACWY vaccines have provided protection to those vaccinated, but probably not to the larger, unvaccinated community (population or herd immunity)."

⁴⁶ <u>https://www.sirillp.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/FDA-Reply-aP-Petition-4b2b5a444605c16234394e0517a23efd.pdf</u>.

⁴⁷ See, e.g., <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBADJNTdeiQ&list=PLey4Qe-Uxcxa3152uA5wSC6XRsOK_-9_x&index=49</u> ("getting a booster is likely to help decrease the overall spread of Covid-19, it may also help your friends and neighbors as well."); <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ov94KWhLy-s&list=PLey4Qe-Uxcxa3152uA5wSC6XRsOK_-9_x&index=43</u> ("So getting vaccinated or receiving a booster ... is the best thing you can to do protect yourself and others."); <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJNc_DJ1DyE&list=PLey4Qe-Uxcxa3152uA5wSC6XRsOK_-9_x&index=42</u> ("Getting vaccinated and getting a booster shot can save your life and protect you and your family and friends from getting seriously ill and spreading infection.").

This occurred despite a CDC study, dated August 6, 2021, which found vaccinated individuals had a higher rate of infection and more viral carriage in their nasopharynx than the unvaccinated.⁴⁸ With the release of this study, the CDC Director stated on CNN that "what they [Covid-19 vaccines] can't do anymore is prevent transmission."⁴⁹ Then, on August 24, 2021, a study by the Wisconsin Health Department reviewed swab specimens in 24 counties and found high viral loads in "158 of 232 unvaccinated (68%...) and 156 of 225 fully vaccinated (69%...) symptomatic individuals" and in "7 of 24 unvaccinated (29%...) and 9 of 11 fully vaccinated asymptomatic individuals (82%...)."⁵⁰ Our exchange with CDC in mid to late 2021 brought into focus the foregoing.⁵¹

Nonetheless, the implication these products could prevent infection and transmission persisted, including in a Pfizer report to the FDA on October 26, 2021, stating: "Maximizing the proportion of the population that is vaccinated is critically important to help reduce rates of infection, decrease transmission, prevent the emergence of new variants of concern, and hasten the end of the pandemic."⁵² Despite the lack of clinical evidence to support these claims, FDA permitted Pfizer to continue to make them.

7. FDA and CDC Hide Concerning Post-Licensure Safety Data from Public

CDC's website states that:

[COVID-19] vaccines are monitored by VAERS and several other vaccine safety monitoring systems as part of the most intensive vaccine safety monitoring effort in U.S. history. This continuous, robust safety monitoring helps keep COVID-19 vaccines safe and helps ensure the benefits of vaccination continue to outweigh any risks.⁵³

The other safety monitoring systems are V-safe, CISA, and VSD.

(i) VAERS

To monitor vaccine safety, federal health authorities heavily rely on the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System ("**VAERS**"), a passive vaccine safety surveillance system to which reports of adverse events after vaccination can be submitted.⁵⁴ VAERS is co-managed by CDC and FDA.⁵⁵

⁴⁸ <u>https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34351882/</u> (In an outbreak in Barnstable County, MA, which data reflects had a 69% vaccination rate among eligible residents, CDC found 74% of those infected in the outbreak were fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and the vaccinated had on average more virus in their nasal cavity than the unvaccinated that were infected.)

⁴⁹ <u>https://twitter.com/CNNSitRoom/status/1423422301882748929</u>.

⁵⁰ <u>https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.07.31.21261387v4.full.pdf</u>

⁵¹ <u>https://www.sirillp.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/CDC-Re-Natural-v-Vaccine-Immunity-58c0cb94d12325deb521f192f562</u> 551a.pdf.

⁵² <u>https://www.fda.gov/media/153409/download</u>.

⁵³ <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/index.html</u>.

⁵⁴ <u>https://vaers.hhs.gov/</u>.

⁵⁵ <u>https://vaers.hhs.gov/about.html</u>.

On December 4, 2020, before the first Covid-19 vaccine was rolled out, CDC released the VAERS Standard Operating Procedures for Covid-19 ("**VAERS SOP**"), which states in relevant part:

The analyses for **COVID-19 vaccine safety signals** will focus on identifying deviations from preliminary safety data, and possibly from other vaccines, using disproportionality analyses and comparisons of reporting rates.

Two main approaches to data mining are Proportional Reporting Ratios (PRRs) and Empirical Bayesian Geometric Means. Both have published literature suggesting criteria for detecting "signals". **PRR will be used at CDC for potential signal detection; Empirical Bayesian data mining will be performed by FDA.**⁵⁶

This SOP made clear that CDC planned to conduct safety signal monitoring using Proportional Reporting Ratios ("**PRR**") and FDA planned to conduct safety signal monitoring using Empirical Bayesian ("**EB**") data mining.

Our firm requested the PRR signal detection data from CDC through FOIA and was denied. In the denial letter, CDC stated that it had not conducted PRR analyses; it instead highlighted the superiority of and historical use of EB data mining, calling it the "gold standard" and the "superior method" with which to detect safety signals. However, on September 2, 2022, then-CDC Director Rochelle Walensky sent a letter to Senator Ron Johnson acknowledging that PRR had in fact been used: "CDC performed PRR analysis between March 25, 2022, through July 31, 2022, to corroborate the results of EB data mining. Notably, **results from PRR analysis were generally consistent with EB data mining**, revealing no additional unexpected safety signals." Our firm then sued CDC based on this admission and ultimately received 51 excel files containing PRR data. ⁵⁷ These files showed that CDC's own threshold for triggering a signal for adverse events was more than met for numerous serious adverse events, including as seen in the following CDC tables noting that CDC considered, when truth was original, anything above a "2" in the PRR row a safety signal, as provided in the VAERS SOP:

⁵⁶ <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/pdf/VAERS-COVID19-SOP-4-Dec-2020-508.pdf</u>

⁵⁷ <u>https://www.sirillp.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Response-to-FDA-Stay-b390d697ad6bc29544ff90e607957c03.pdf</u>.

MedDRA Codes ALL Reports (18+)	12/14/2020- 05/06/2022 COVID19 mRNA N=632725	12/14-05/06 Chi-Square	12/14-05/06 PRR	
CEREBRAL THROMBOSIS	194	69.78	73.4	
INTERMENSTRUAL BLEEDING	1323	481.57	62.6	
CEREBRAL VENOUS SINUS THROMBOSIS	155	55.02	58.6	
HEAVY MENSTRUAL BLEEDING	4246	1543.71	53.5	
INTENTIONAL PRODUCT USE ISSUE	141	49.72	53.3	
POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE THERAPY	789	283.64	49.7	
PULMONARY THROMBOSIS	610	218.11	46.2	
DISEASE RECURRENCE	227	79.98	42.9	
HYPERPYREXIA	111	38.38	42.0	
POSTMENOPAUSAL HAEMORRHAGE	521	184.41	39.4	
POLYMENORRHOEA	684	241.57	37.0	
RIGHT VENTRICULAR DYSFUNCTION	96	32.71	36.3	
INTENTIONAL DOSE OMISSION	94	31.96	35.5	
ABNORMAL UTERINE BLEEDING	82	27.43	31.0	
OLIGOMENORRHOEA	564	196.16	30.5	
CEREBELLAR STROKE	80	26.68	30.2	
SUSPECTED COVID-19	550	190.86	29.7	
CEREBRAL MASS EFFECT	75	24.79	28.4	
RIGHT VENTRICULAR DILATATION	73	24.04	27.6	
DYSMENORRHOEA	1821	631.80	27.5	
THROMBECTOMY	348	118.98	26.3	
MYOCARDIAL STRAIN	64	20.65	24.2	
HAEMOFILTRATION	62	19.90	23.4	
IMPLANTABLE CARDIAC MONITOR INSERTION	61	19.52	23.1	
TRANSVERSE SINUS THROMBOSIS	60	19.15	22.7	
MATERNAL EXPOSURE DURING BREAST FEEDING	292	97.84	22.1	
BODY HEIGHT DECREASED	57	18.02	21.5	
MENSTRUAL DISORDER	2435	822.34	20.9	
MENSTRUATION IRREGULAR	3240	1094.66	20.7	
MESENTERIC VEIN THROMBOSIS	54	16.90	20.4	
NIH STROKE SCALE ABNORMAL	54	16.90	20.4	
NIH STROKE SCALE	53	16.52	20.0	
CORONARY ARTERY DISSECTION	52	16.15	19.6	
JUGULAR VEIN THROMBOSIS	52	16.15	19.6	
LEFT VENTRICULAR DILATATION	51	15.77	19.3	
ANOSMIA	3546	1186.66	19.1	
NEUROLOGIC NEGLECT SYNDROME	50	15.40	18.9	
CEREBRAL ARTERY OCCLUSION	98	31.29	18.5	
VITAL SIGNS MEASUREMENT	146	47.19	18.4	
ILLNESS	4279	1423.54	18.2	
INTRACARDIAC THROMBUS	95	30.16	17.9	
LYMPHOPENIA	94	29.79	17.8	
THROMBOEMBOLECTOMY	47	14.28	17.8	
VACCINATION SITE URTICARIA	322	104.80	17.4	
COR PULMONALE ACUTE	46	13.90	17.4	
HEPATIC MASS	46	13.90	17.4	
WRONG PATIENT	45	13.53	17.0	
PREMENSTRUAL PAIN	44	13.16	16.6	
PRODUCT RECONSTITUTION QUALITY ISSUE	44	13.16	16.6	
TOTAL LUNG CAPACITY DECREASED	44	13.16	16.6	
PERIPHERAL ARTERY OCCLUSION	43	12.78	16.2	
ANTICOAGULANT THERAPY	3684	1204.20	16.2	
COLON CANCER	41	12.04	15.5	
SYMPTOM RECURRENCE	163	51.45	15.4	
ACUTE CARDIAC EVENT	40	11.67	15.1	
PERIPHERAL ARTERY THROMBOSIS	78	23.79	14.7	

When the CDC was confronted with the above data it sought to hide from the public, it advised Senator Johnson that it was no longer relying upon PRR and instead would only rely upon FDA's EB data mining; as CDC Director wrote to Senator Johnson:

"CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) chose to rely on Empirical Bayesian (EB) data mining—a more robust technique used to analyze disproportionate reporting—rather than PRR calculations to mitigate potential false signals.... Given the strength of the EB data mining method, CDC and FDA plan to continue relying upon EB data mining moving forward."⁵⁸

Given that CDC decided to abandon the PRR data and rely instead solely on the EB data, our firm requested the EB data mining results from FDA through FOIA and was denied. Hence, we commenced litigation and the FDA filed a motion requesting that the litigation be stayed for at least 18 months due to the agency being overwhelmed as a result of another court order, issued to

⁵⁸ https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/23940343-sen-johnson-letter-to-fda-on-eb-data-mining.

our client and litigated by our firm, that ordered FDA to disclose all of the clinical trial documents related to the Pfizer and Moderna Covid-19 vaccines' licensures. The Court granted the stay for 6 months and then recently granted an additional 6 months. To date, FDA has refused to produce the EB data mining results to the public despite the concerning results shown in the PRR data and despite the fact that it has already located and identified at least 150 records (75 emails and 75 excel files) that are responsive to the request.

(ii) V-safe:

V-safe is CDC's premier system for tracking the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. It is a smartphonebased program that allows vaccine recipients to "tell CDC about any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine."⁵⁹ Its purpose, as explained by CDC, "is to rapidly characterize the safety profile of COVID-19 vaccines when given outside a clinical trial setting and to detect and evaluate clinically important adverse events and safety issues that might impact policy or regulatory decisions."⁶⁰

On November 19, 2020, CDC published a protocol for developing v-safe titled "V-safe active surveillance for COVID-19 vaccine safety" which explained that "[t]he purpose of v-safe surveillance is to rapidly characterize the safety profile of COVID-19 vaccines when given outside a clinical trial setting and to detect and evaluate clinically important adverse events and safety issues that might impact policy or regulatory decisions."⁶¹

V-safe was launched simultaneously with the EUA of the first COVID-19 vaccine in December 2020. Nine million of the approximate 10 million users who registered for v-safe did so between December 2020 and April 2021. The data submitted by 10 million v-safe users is likely a good reflection of the experience of the larger population of 265 million Americans who received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

V-safe collected a limited amount of safety information from its approximately 10 million users using check-the-box options. However, the program also provided a few free-text fields for users to provide additional safety information. CDC received at least 7.8 million free-text entries from v-safe users.

Regarding symptoms collected using check-the-box options, v-safe users are asked to select one or more of 10 listed symptoms that occurred within the first week after vaccination. These symptoms are those that CDC says are normal after vaccination and are actually a sign the vaccine is working by producing an immune response. As CDC explains: "Any side effects from getting the vaccine are normal signs the body is building protection."⁶² The 10 million v-safe users reported over 70 million check-the-box symptoms and this, as expected, did not raise any concerns

⁵⁹ https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html.

⁶⁰ <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/pdf/V-safe-Protocol-V6-508.pdf</u> at 5.

⁶¹ https://web.archive.org/web/20210102024902/https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/pdf/V-safe-Protocol-508.pdf.

⁶² <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/how-they-work.html.</u>

for CDC as seen from the numerous studies CDC published with this data evidencing these high rates. 63

The only other check-the-box safety information collected was whether users reported needing medical care, missed school or work, or could not perform normal daily activities. If a user selected that he or she needed medical care, the user was asked to select whether he or she sought telehealth, urgent care, emergency care, or were hospitalized.

Since 2021, CDC has published dozens of studies to support its claim that COVID-19 vaccines are safe. The main data used in these studies is v-safe's health impact data, with a focus on the rate of people who reported needing medical care after the vaccine. The studies formed the core of CDC's support for the safety of COVID-19 vaccines, however, they only report the *first week* of health impact data after injection. This is, at best, highly misleading because CDC is well aware that injuries from COVID-19 vaccines can occur well after the first week.⁶⁴

When CDC finally released the check-the-box data to the public, after over two years of legal demands and a federal lawsuit brought by our firm, the data it hid from the public for over two years showed that 7.7% of v-safe users reported needing medical care after a Covid-19 vaccine (and on average 2 to 3 times per person) and an additional 25% of v-safe users reported missing school or work or being unable to perform normal activities after the injection.⁶⁵

CDC could have made v-safe a rapid and robust safety system by simply including check-the-box options for adverse events of concern (*e.g.*, a check-the-box option for myocarditis or chest pain). In fact, the first version of the V-Safe Protocol, prior to the program's launch, identified adverse events of special interest ("**AESI**") in a chart titled Prespecified Medical Conditions:

⁶³ See e.g., <u>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7107e1.htm; https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7039e4.htm; https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7018e2.htm; https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2778441; https:// www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7008e3.htm; https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm705152a1.htm; https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7031e1.htm.</u>

⁶⁴ For example, myocarditis can arise at least 42 days after vaccination, *see* <u>https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34614329/</u> at Figure 1. Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS), which can also be caused by the COVID-19 vaccine, can arise up to 18 days after vaccination. *See* <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/slides-2021-12-16/02-COVID-See-508.pdf</u> at slide 16. ⁶⁵ <u>https://icandecide.org/v-safe-data/</u>.

Acute myocardial	infarction
Anaphylaxis	
Coagulopathy	
COVID-19 Disea	se
Death*	
Guillain-Barré sy	ndrome
Kawasaki disease	
Multisystem Infla children ¹	mmatory Syndrome in
Multisystem Infla	mmatory Syndrome in adults
Myocarditis/Peric	arditis
Narcolepsy/Catap	lexy
Pregnancy and Pr	especified Conditions
Seizures/Convuls	ions
Stroke	
Transverse Myeli	tis

Attachment 2: Adverse Events of Special Interest

Despite CDC itself directly identifying these adverse events as harms of special interest, it did not include check-the-box options for these harms *or* for common symptoms from these harms.

CDC could have taken advantage of this incredible opportunity – wherein v-safe was already capturing health data from over 10 million users – to easily include these AESIs as check-the-box options for v-safe users. This would have enabled CDC and the scientific community to easily calculate a rate for which v-safe users had myocarditis, or other adverse events that had been prespecified by CDC as potential problems (e.g., strokes, seizures, etc.).

Instead, CDC chose to limit potential reporting of any such adverse events to the free-text fields knowing that, among other issues, fewer people would report issues in a free-text field (versus a check-the-box option) and this free-text data would be more difficult to standardize. In that regard, it does not appear that CDC designed this system with the interests of the public in mind, but rather its own interest to assure control of the data so it can release only data which comports with its a priori policy decision that these products are "safe."

Nonetheless, a FOIA for the free-text data was submitted and was also heavily litigated initially by another group, and thereafter our firm got involved in that litigation as well and, ultimately, we obtained a Court order that requires CDC to produce the millions of free-text fields on a rolling basis.⁶⁶ That production has begun and continues today and through the end of this year.

(iii) CISA

CDC regularly claims that the Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment ("**CISA**") is a critical part of the safety monitoring of vaccines. CDC describes CISA as: "a national collaborating network of vaccine safety experts from the CDC's Immunization Safety Office (ISO), eight medical research centers, and other partners" that was established "to improve the understanding

⁶⁶ <u>https://www.sirillp.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/V-safe-Order-fd21c841992fd74783f0ed484f3e7635.pdf</u>.

of adverse events following immunization at the individual patient level."⁶⁷ CISA, like the other safety surveillance programs, is also problematic for a few reasons.

For one, as CDC states, "CISA provides consultations for U.S. healthcare providers with complex vaccine safety questions about their patients."⁶⁸ Our firm has heard time and again during the Covid-19 vaccine rollout that many people who suffered adverse events after their vaccination were not believed or being treated by their doctors. Many in the medical field would not acknowledge that the injury could potentially be a vaccine injury and so those people were unable to utilize CISA as it provides consultations only to healthcare providers and not to individual patients.

Moreover, the Principal Investigator of CISA, Dr. Katherine Edwards,⁶⁹ was a paid advisor to Pfizer, was compensated by numerous other pharmaceutical companies as a consultant and/or advisor, and also was one of five members of Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine trial's data safety monitoring board.⁷⁰ As explained by bioethicist Arthur Caplan, these boards are "very powerful. They're key guardians of science and safety and are as important if not more important than the FDA."⁷¹ Dr. Edwards had a close look at the Pfizer vaccine trial and the ability to stop the trial if there were safety concerns. Following the release of that same product, she was consulting with healthcare providers as to whether or not that same product was the cause of their patients' serious injuries. This conflict casts serious doubt on the entire CISA program.

(iv) VSD

The Vaccine Safety Datalink is used by CDC and FDA to assess the safety of vaccines. VSD uses electronic health data from participating healthcare organizations and networks throughout the country.⁷² The VSD was once maintained at HHS but HHS moved the VSD to a health industry trade association starting in 2001 to avoid having the VSD data subject to FOIA, and to otherwise assure that only the scientists and studies of which it approves utilize the VSD.⁷³ Thus, when a VSD study is conducted by HHS, in violation of basic scientific standards and process, the underlying raw data is almost never available for inspection by the public and other scientists.⁷⁴ So while VSD data is heavily cited and relied upon by the federal health authorities, there is no public access to the data. There are other concerns with VSD as well, such as its lack of ability to assess the long-term impacts of vaccination and its use by the same agency that must defend against claims of vaccine harms, as discussed above.⁷⁵

⁶⁷ https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/cisa/index.html.

⁶⁸ Id.

⁶⁹ <u>https://www.vumc.org/vvrp/person/kathryn-m-edwards-md</u>.

⁷⁰ https://www.cbsnews.com/news/covid-19-vaccine-when-will-be-available-ready/.

⁷¹ https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/03/health/dsmb-role-coronavirus-vaccine-trial/index.html.

⁷² https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vsd/index.html.

⁷³ <u>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4708093/</u> ("During its first decade, the VSD used a centralized model, with each participating health plan sending de-identified research data files to the CDC once annually so the information could be merged into a centralized database for analyses... In 2001, the CDC adopted a DDM for the VSD. This approach []allowed each participating health plan to assemble and maintain its data files on its own secure server rather than sending files to the CDC.").

⁷⁴ <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vsd/accessing-data.html.</u>

⁷⁵ https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ICAN-Reply-1.pdf.

8. FDA Failed to Enforce its Own EUA Conditions Concerning Promotional Material for Covid-19 Vaccines

The emergency use authorizations ("**EUAs**") issued by FDA for Covid-19 vaccines required that "[a]ll descriptive printed matter, advertising, and promotional material relating to the use of the [vaccine] clearly and conspicuously shall state that:

This product has not been approved or licensed by FDA, but has been authorized for emergency use by FDA, under an EUA to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for use in individuals 18 years of age and older..."

State health departments and other stakeholders were violating this provision. For example, since FDA was not doing its job, we had to write letters to the NYS Department of Health and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to take down promotions that failed to include the required disclaimer and were claiming the EUA products were "safe and effective," which they did. Since our firm could not possibly do FDA's job to enforce all the violations occurring across the country, on March 24, 2021 we petitioned FDA to enforce its conditions of authorization.⁷⁶

Before FDA responded to the petition, incredibly, CDC and HHS themselves violated FDA's condition. For example, in a tweet posted on June 18, 2022 by Dr. Rochelle Walensky, then Director of CDC, on the @CDCDirector Twitter account, posted a video stating: "We now know based on rigorous scientific review that the vaccines available here in the United States can be used safely and effectively in children under 5...We have taken another important step together on our fight against COVID-19 by making safe and effective vaccines available for our little ones."⁷⁷

Therefore, on August 12, 2022, we instead petitioned FDA to *remove* the condition from the EUAs so as to not create precedent that blatant violations of EUA conditions are tolerated.⁷⁸

On November 15, 2022, Peter Marks of FDA responded to both petitions in one letter.⁷⁹ FDA denied the petition requesting that it enforce the EUA conditions concerning promotional materials and also denied the petition requesting that it withdraw those same conditions if it wasn't going to enforce them. It was clear FDA would simply not enforce the conditions.

Nonetheless, on April 13, 2023 we send FDA's Advertising and Promotional Labeling branch a letter detailing numerous additional violations,⁸⁰ this time by the Covid-19 vaccine manufacturers

⁷⁶ <u>https://sirillp.com/Enforce-EUA-Petition</u>.

⁷⁷ See <u>https://twitter.com/CDCDirector/status/1538244130651906050</u>.

⁷⁸ <u>https://sirillp.com/Remove-EUA-condition-petition</u>.

⁷⁹ <u>https://sirillp.com/FDA-Response-EUA-Petitions</u>.

⁸⁰ <u>https://sirillp.com/FDA-ltr-Pfizer-DTC-ad</u>.

Pfizer and Moderna, including a direct-to-consumer ad run by Pfizer for its unlicensed Covid-19 booster via a commercial titled "Got Booster?" featuring Martha Stewart⁸¹ and an ad by Pfizer regularly aired during *Sesame Street* for its EUA Covid-19 vaccines.⁸² That letter went unanswered and as far as we are aware, no adverse action was taken against any of the responsible parties.

Additional Sources

- Deposition of the world's leading vaccinologist, Dr. Stanley Plotkin: <u>https://www.sirillp.com/plotkin-depo-full/</u>
- Aaron Siri testimony before Arizona State Senate: https://icanlegislate.org/arizona-legislature-gets-eye-opening-vaccine-history-lesson-from-icanlegislates-lead-attorney/
- Letter exchange with HHS about vaccine safety: <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ICAN-HHS-Notice-1.pdf;</u> <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ICAN-Reply-1.pdf;</u> <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ICAN-Reply-1.pdf;</u> <u>https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ICAN-Follow-Up-Final.pdf</u>

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⁸¹ <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9j3ycZSsWE</u>.

⁸² <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xm_gLd7MjP0</u>.