

Docket: CDC-2025-0024

Public Comment for the June 25-27, 2025 CDC ACIP Committee Meeting

To RFK Jr. and the Members of the CDC ACIP Committee Meeting:

I am writing to express my serious concerns about the recent firing of all 17 members of the CDC ACIP committee announced on June 9 by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. This committee plays a crucial role in making sure that vaccines are safe and effective as well as guiding who the vaccines should be recommended for. Currently vaccine rates for many infectious diseases such as measles and COVID are low which can lead to outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases. Many of these infections can lead to serious and/or lifelong consequences to a person's health. As a mother of 3 young children, I do not believe that any children in 2025 should die or become disabled from an infectious disease because of lack of access to affordable and effective vaccines. The COVID pandemic, which hit when I was only 2 weeks postpartum with my youngest child, has made me thankful for those who work so hard to create vaccines and make them safe for everyone. Any changes to vaccine-related policies requires a scientific and evidence-based approach and communications should be open and transparent. The decisions being made by RFK Jr., Marty Makary, and Vinay Prasad do not seem to be following this. I ask the committee to ensure that all vaccine policy decisions are considered, evaluated, and concluded using open and transparent processes, all of which are hallmarks of democracy.

Thank you for your consideration.