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

To RFK Jr. and Members of the CDC ACIP committee:

The fight against Covid is long from over, and vaccines must be accessible to everyone in order to do our best to protect ourselves against the worst of this illness. My partner's mother died from Covid complications in November 2020 - before vaccines were available. He and I often wonder whether vaccinations could have saved her. I also have a number of extended family members with respiratory problems for whom these vaccinations are critical. The vaccinations are equally critical for me, someone who doesn't have those problems, for two reasons: first, so that I can comfortably visit and be with my family without fearing that I'll make them sick and cause them to become hospitalized or, worse, die; and second, because it is my choice to do what I want with my health and body. I should be able to get a vaccine to protect myself, as should everyone else in this country.

That said, I ask for the following:

1. RFK Jr. must preserve an independent decision process with CDC's ACIP and reverse the decision to remove the recent expert advisors and bypass his policies limiting access to COVID vaccines.
2. Members of ACIP must disclose all financial and other conflicts of interest.
3. ACIP must understand that currently available FDA-approved vaccines are safe and effective, and children, adults, and pregnant people all of whom rely on CDC ACIP vaccine recommendations for access to vaccines and insurance coverage.
4. ACIP must continue to recommend widespread and unhindered access to a wide range of vaccines to protect people of all ages in the US.
5. ACIP must preserve a universal recommendation for COVID vaccines for people of all ages, including children and pregnant people, at least twice annually.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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