

## PROTECT MISSISSIPPI'S CHILDREN VOTE NO ON HB 1505 & HB 1504

- Mississippi ranks first in the nation for childhood immunization rates and as a result is **PROTECTING MISSISSIPPI** residents from outbreaks of measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases that other states have experienced.
- **Immunizations protect** our children from deadly diseases that still occur here in the U.S. – from measles, whooping cough, diphtheria, and more. Without immunizations **EVERYONE** is at risk – our children, our seniors and anyone with compromised immunity.
- **Vaccines are safe and effective.** Numerous studies, including one involving more than 500,000 children, have demonstrated conclusively that the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine is not linked to autism.
- **Unvaccinated children pose a threat to children and adults who cannot be immunized for medical reasons.** This includes people with leukemia and other cancers, immune system problems, and people receiving treatment or medications that suppress their immune system.
- **Granting a religious or philosophical exemption for childhood vaccinations will weaken Mississippi's childhood vaccination law and will generate the same outcome: Placing our state's most precious resource, our children, at risk.**
- **Mississippi physicians cannot support any effort that will weaken state vaccination requirements and put children at risk.**
- **Please help us protect our patients, communities, and especially our state's children, from preventable childhood diseases that once caused so many expensive hospitalizations, so much death and so much permanent injury in our state and nation.**
- **Let's not roll back the clock in Mississippi.**

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