

# ACLU Joins Fight Against a California Mandatory Vaccination Bill Pushed by Bought-Off Politicians

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One of the country's oldest civil rights legal groups has joined the fight against a California bill that would deprive parents in the Golden State the right to decide whether or not they want to expose their children to potentially harmful vaccines.

Mothers who are fighting against SB 277 believe they have an ally in the California chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) because they and the civil rights legal organization are questioning the constitutionality of the measure.

In recent days, mothers with children in tow ventured to Sacramento, the state capital, to lobby against the measure which would remove all exemptions – religious and philosophical – to opting out of vaccinating children. The measure, if passed, will require all children attending public and private schools to be vaccinated; parents who homeschool their children could still opt out, but many have said homeschooling is not an option because they can't afford it.

In interviews with the *Los Angeles Times*, mothers said they would continue coming to Sacramento when the measure comes up before the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has been debating it.

The paper said the ACLU would be joining in the effort to oppose the measure under grounds that it may not be constitutional.

ACLU California Center for Advocacy and Policy legislative director, Kevin G. Baker wrote a letter to the bill's authors, State Sens. Richard Pan (D-Sacramento) and Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica), arguing that the [California](#) Constitution appears to provide all children in the state an unconditional right to a public education.

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Baker did not opine one way or the other regarding whether children should be vaccinated or not. Instead, he focused his letter on the contention that the legislation does not provide a sufficient argument for the state having a "compelling interest" in the mandatory vaccination of children.

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"We're not solving it with this broad brush approach that keeps kids out of school," he wrote, according to the *Times*.

About 2.5 percent of California kindergarteners had persona belief waivers on file with the state at the beginning of the current school year. It was a voluntary decrease from the previous year. According to state records examined by the *Times*, 0.52 percent of them based in some religious belief while another 1.64 percent are based on “health care practitioner” counseling.

In addition, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that there was 90 percent “herd immunity” for measles, a rate that is more than met sufficiently in the 2014-15 California kindergarten class, which has a rate of 92.6 percent.

“I was hoping for more of a dialogue,” Baker said regarding a lack of response from the lawmakers he sent his letter to, according to the *Times*, “but they think they’ve got the moral high ground here and they intend to just push this through.”

“Your rights are being ripped from you”

British scientist and former physician Andrew Wakefield, [whose groundbreaking research linking autism and immunizations](#) helped launch a worldwide anti-vaccination movement, is in California to urge residents to fight back against SB 277.

In an April 25 speech at a local chiropractic college, Wakefield told students they should do all they could to resist the Senate measure.

“Your rights are being ripped from you,” Wakefield said, as quoted by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. “Parents are no longer going to be in charge of their own children. This is the fight that has to be taken to Sacramento.”

As for Pan, a pediatrician by trade, it is understandable why *he* is pushing for mandatory vaccinations. As *NaturalNews* has reported, [he has financial connections to Big Pharma vaccine pushers](#) like Merck, the manufacturer of MMR II (measles, mumps and rubella).

Dirty money tends to finance dirty politics. It’s amazingly hypocritical for the *party of pro-choice* when it comes to abortion transforms into the *party of no choice* when it comes to harmful vaccines, which represent a form of medical violence against the people.

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