



**VIA OVERNIGHT FEDEX**

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Mr. Jon Stewart  
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Re: *Open Letter to Mr. Jon Stewart Regarding Vaccines and Autism*

Dear Mr. Stewart,

Thank you for supporting families grappling with autism by hosting the HBO show *Night of Too Many Stars: America United for Autism Programs*. While we know it is considered controversial to even consider the topic of vaccines and autism, we implore you to apply the critical thinking for which you are famous to this topic for just twenty minutes.

In that regard, please read Section II and III of the attached white paper, and in particular Section III(4) which discusses autism. Virtually everything asserted in the attached relies upon and is cited to official government sources and the Institute of Medicine ("IOM").<sup>1</sup> Upon reviewing same, we trust you will agree that the science needed to address whether vaccines can cause autism has not been conducted.

The CDC recommends children receive 29 doses of 9 different vaccines by six months of age. There has not been a single study regarding whether any of these vaccines alone, let alone in combination, increases the incidence of autism. This simple study has not been conducted despite the fact that there are many plausible reasons (see, for example, <http://icandecide.com/white-papers/ICAN-AluminumAdjuvant-Autism.pdf>) for how 29 vaccine doses given during pregnancy, 1 day, 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months of age can cause autism (and other neurological and immune disorders).

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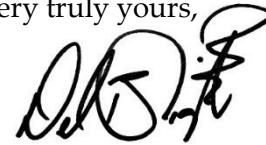
<sup>1</sup> Copy also available here: <http://icandecide.com/white-papers/VaccineSafety-Version-1.0-October-2-2017.pdf>

Ironically, the very first report cited on the CDC's own webpage claiming that vaccines do not cause autism, [www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/autism.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/autism.html), is an IOM report from 2011 which could not identify a single study that Tdap/DTaP (given during pregnancy, 2 months, 4 months and 6 months) does not cause autism. This webpage, in fact, makes plain that the CDC has studied only one vaccine, MMR, regarding a connection to autism. Unfortunately, no study exists to support the claim that any of the other 70 doses of 14 vaccines on the CDC's childhood vaccine schedule cannot cause autism.

We implore you to at least mention this deficiency during your autism event and support the call by countless parents of autistic children for a study to finally assess whether the vaccines given to babies can increase the incidence of autism.

We would gladly answer any questions you may have regarding the attached and the issues of vaccines and autism, or if you would like to meet, we can be reached at [delbigtree@icandecide.org](mailto:delbigtree@icandecide.org)

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Del Bigtree', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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