

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION TO DOJ/HHS COMPLAINT AGAINST STATES WITHOUT RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION TO VACCINATION

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Dear Assistant Attorney General Dhillon,

On April 10, 2026 President Trump issued an executive order titled, "Delivering Gold Standard Childhood Vaccine Recommendations for Americans." Section 4 reads in part as follows:

Sec. 4. Maximizing Parental Choice over Childhood Vaccines.

"(a) The Attorney General shall take appropriate measures to further meritorious legal actions challenging State laws that conflict with States' constitutional and Federal statutory obligations related to parental authority, religious freedom... including ... obligations to provide religious and medical exemptions from childhood and adolescent immunization requirements.

(b) The Departments of Justice, Education, and HHS shall take appropriate action to ensure that their contractors and grantees, including States and localities ... provide religious and medical exemptions from childhood and adolescent immunization requirements."

On March 9, 2026, I filed by email a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, titled "Complaint of Civil Rights Violations, Religious Discrimination by Forced Vaccination, California, Connecticut, Maine, New York, and West Virginia," where I requested that your office investigate the referenced states for having unconstitutional legislation that removed religious exemptions to vaccination in order to attend school. On March 10, 2026, I mailed you directly a copy of my complaint, USPS Certified Receipt # 7018 1130 0000 2751 8521. This complaint was also sent to HHS and Secretary Kennedy, who I have copied here.

On April 8, 2026, the US DOJ, Civil Rights Division, through an unsigned letter, advised me that they had decided not to take any further action on my complaint. It further noted that it was the teams' determination that my complaint "DID NOT APPEAR" to be within the jurisdiction of the laws they enforce. HHS also advised that they had no jurisdiction in the matter around the same time.

The DOJ's letter further states that "even when the Division has jurisdiction over a particular matter, it is within the Division's discretion to determine whether to pursue" any matter.

Based on the policies and procedures of the DOJ and its Civil Rights Division, I completely disagree that the DOJ does not have jurisdiction in this matter. This is a matter of national importance, of national security, of the survival of our country, as President Trump has made clear, directly and indirectly, by his new order, as well as previous comments. In such important national issues that affects thousands of persons and their children, I believe that the DOJ has no discretion but to investigate and take action in this matter.

Therefore, and based on the President's new order, if your department "did not appear" to have jurisdiction in the past to take action on my complaint, jurisdiction has now been granted and demanded, expressed or implied, by President Trump for you to proceed, as the order clearly states that your office shall take appropriate measures to take legal actions against states with no religious exemptions to vaccination.

My complaint is the perfect vehicle to address this matter and force states to rescind any illegal, unconstitutional legislation, signed by any governor, which eliminated religious exemptions, as well as arbitrary legislation, like California's SB 276, that basically limited the ability of physician's to issue medical exemptions where they see appropriate, in violation not only of the patient's God-given and constitutional rights related to bodily autonomy and a healthy body, but also the physician's First Amendment right to freedom of expression, as was noted in the recent federal case, affecting the doctor-patient relationship. See Kory, Et Al. v. Bonta, Et Al., No. 24-2946 (9th Cir. 2024).

By stating in the executive order that "The Departments of Justice, Education, and HHS shall take appropriate action," President Trump is making it clear that all three agencies shall work together to accomplish this goal, something that my complaint requests as well. Thus formally, I am requesting that the DOJ's Civil Rights Division and HHS reconsider my complaint on this issue, for me and those in my class, that it obey our President's orders, and that you immediately take action against the five states which eliminated arbitrarily such religious exemptions and/or medical exemptions to vaccination. Here is a link to my complaint, which contains the DOJ's response at the end:

<https://thenaturallawchurch.com/wp-content/uploads/Vaccine-Religious-Complaint-2026-To-DOJ-and-HHS-Redacted.pdf>

Please advise what step you will take to proceed with my complaint and please keep me up to date with all steps taken by the DOJ, as well as those taken by the individual states.

Please Do The Right Thing This Time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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