Dear Senators,

I urge you to OPPOSE bill SB736, which would allow pharmacists vaccinate children as young as 3, without a script from a physician. SB 808 will be heard at the same time (on 03/02), and it would allow dentists to vaccinate kids. Both are reckless. Children should see a pediatrician for shots!

Children have a complicated immunization schedule that requires a trained professional (pediatrician) to assess appropriateness and readiness. The CDC recommended schedule is just a recommendation. Child's pediatrician needs to perform an assessment every time before vaccination.

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html

The best health outcomes for children occur when the full doctor, parent, patient relationship is respected. None of these can be removed!

Thank you so much for your work! Olga Yefimov, Gaithersburg, MD