



## PPC Action Alert

### Tell Your Senators to Protect Child Health and Support Access to Vaccines

We are reaching out with a time-sensitive advocacy opportunity.

**Please tell your U.S. senators to protect child health and support access to vaccines.**

This week, key Senate committees will be holding hearings on January 29 (Senate Committee on Finance) and January 30 (Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions) to consider the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to lead the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

As these discussions take place, it is imperative that *all senators* hear from academic pediatricians about **the crucial role immunizations play in maintaining the health and well-being of children and communities**. That's where we need your help.

**Please email or call your senators as soon as possible and urge them to protect child health and support access to vaccinations** as they consider Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and other nominees to lead our federal healthcare agencies. A template email and phone script specifically for contacting your senators is available below.

### Contact Your Senators Today

**Here's how:**

**By Phone:** You can call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 to be connected to your senators' offices. You can also find your U.S. senators' office phone numbers by visiting [Senate.gov](https://www.senate.gov) and use the "Find Your Senators" feature at the top left of the page. Below are **talking points** you can use:

- Hello. My name is {**First and last name**} from {**city, state**}. I am an academic pediatrician specializing in {**insert your area of clinical or research expertise e.g., pediatric endocrinology, etc.**}.
- As confirmation hearings for the Secretary of Health and Human Services take place in the coming days, I am urging {**Senator's name**} to support children's access to vaccines.
- Vaccines are vital to keeping children, families and communities healthy and preventing the spread of diseases.
- Access to immunizations in our state helps ensure children can grow up healthy and strong.
- It is one of our country's greatest scientific achievements that we have vaccines that equip our immune systems to resist so many diseases.
- I urge {**Senator's name**} to consider the importance of lifesaving vaccines and support federal leaders who do the same throughout the confirmation process.

- Thank you for your time.

**By Email:** You can email your U.S. senators through their websites. You can find your U.S. senators by visiting [Senate.gov](https://www.senate.gov) and use the "Find Your Senators" feature at the top left of the page. Email your U.S. senators through the contact form on their websites by customizing the talking points below.

**Email text:**

*Subject: Protect Child Health and Support Access to Vaccines*

As an academic pediatrician, I urge you to protect child health and support access to vaccinations as you consider Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and other nominees to lead our federal healthcare agencies.

Vaccines are vital to keeping children, families and communities healthy and preventing the spread of diseases. Access to immunizations in our state helps ensure children can grow up healthy and strong.

When children are protected, it means they can focus on growing, learning, and doing the things they love to do on their path to becoming happy, healthy adults.

It is one of our country's greatest scientific achievements that we have vaccines that equip our immune systems to resist so many diseases, such as polio, measles, meningitis and pertussis.

Our federal public health agencies play critical roles in ensuring children in our state have access to immunizations. Throughout the confirmation process, I urge you to consider the importance of lifesaving vaccines to our communities and support federal leaders who share this view.

Thank you for all you do for children and families in our state.