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SCIENTIFIC & FEDERAL INQUIRIES INTO THE THIMEROSAL (MERCURY) – NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER CONNECTION

Washington, DC – CoMeD, echoing recommendations issued by the U.S. Office of Special Council (OSC), the President’s Council on Integrity & Efficiency (PCIE), and the Government Accountability Office (GAO), called upon the Office of the Inspector General for Health & Human Services (OIG–HHS) to undertake an urgent review of what Special Council Scott Bloch characterized in material submitted to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions and the House Committee on Energy & Commerce on May 20, 2004, as “*a substantial and specific danger to public health caused by the use of Thimerosal/mercury in vaccines because of its inherent toxicity.*”

In addition, CoMeD queries why, in the face of Deputy Inspector General for Investigations Michael E. Little’s statement made on July 19, 2004, that “*Thimerosal...being used ‘in order to increase the manufacturer’s profit margins’...represents a potential conflict of interest issue which may be criminal in nature and therefore falls within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations’ (OI) authority to investigate(,)*” seven months have passed and no formal investigation has been opened.

In contrast to federal health agencies which seem to be engaging in a cover-up of the Thimerosal public health crisis, esteemed independent physicians, researchers, and scientists from preeminent institutions such as the Johns Hopkins University, Columbia University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Northeastern University, Tufts University, the University of Nebraska, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Arkansas have increasingly uncovered evidence of, “*...a connection between mercury exposure via infant vaccinations and the dramatic increase in autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders in the United States.*”

Furthermore, CoMeD citing the California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment’s conclusion that Thimerosal is a developmental toxin, *meaning that it can cause birth defects, low birth weight, biological dysfunctions, or psychological or behavior deficits that become manifest as the child grows, and that maternal exposure during pregnancy can disrupt the development or even cause the death of the fetus*, applauds the recent passage of legislation banning the administration of Thimerosal-containing vaccines in Iowa and California. **It is a stinging indictment and a national embarrassment that individual states must ban the administration of a dangerous neurotoxin, at levels in excess of EPA safety guidelines, while federal health agencies blindly contend there is no evidence of harm.**