

Bush Denies Request to Issue Executive Order Banning Mercury-containing vaccines for children and pregnant women for second time.

In the 2004 Presidential campaign, President Bush answered seven questions for the autism community in a questionnaire compiled by Unlocking Autism. In his response to question number two (see page 6), President Bush agreed that mercury should be removed from vaccines on the national childhood vaccine schedule. Unlocking Autism sent him a letter in February, 2005 requesting that he issue an Executive Order banning the use of mercury in vaccines children under the age of 18 and pregnant women.

On April 27, 2005, White House Domestic Policy told Unlocking Autism that request was denied. The White House stated that, although the FDA ordered the removal of mercury from all vaccines in 1999, the President does not want to cause “an undue burden” for the drug companies and will allow them to phase out the use of a neurotoxin over several more years.

On April 28, 2005, Unlocking Autism assisted in launching a call in to the White House demanding that mercury be banned from the vaccines. HHS responded almost immediately stating that the Administration would revisit the issue.

On May 16, 2005, Dr. William Raub, Assistant Secretary of HHS, Yuval Levin with White House Domestic Policy, Sarah Landry, Communications Director of the National Vaccine Program, and Dr. Jose Cordera and Dr. Lorraine Spencer of the CDC met with Unlocking Autism along with the National Vaccine Information Center, Safe Minds and an environmental toxicologist who specializes in researching the effects of mercury on the human body.

Unlocking Autism asked that by 5pm on May 27, 2005, that President Bush issue an Executive Order banning the use of mercury in vaccines for children under the age of 18 and pregnant women.

On May 27, 2005 President Bush denied this request for a second time.

The government has a duty to protect the unborn and the youngest of our citizens. Without this protective order in place, pregnant women and children will be deliberately injected with mercury levels exceeding EPA safety limits until 2009, maybe longer.