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To the secretariat

I am 30 years old. I have never been immunised. In my 30 years I have had maybe 15 visits to the doctor altogether. Three of which were to get referrals to midwives for my three children. I have had two hospital visits both to the emergency dept both for things that were fixed with in a few hours. It is my understanding that penalising parents for not immunising their children is in part to compensate for the added cost they would have on the health system. In my experience this is simply not true. I understand the dangers of not immunising. But I have seen adverse reactions to immunisations to the very few family members who have chosen to get immunised. Why should we penalise the few people who choose not to vaccinate? Do you not think that they have done research and thought long and hard about this choice? It's not an easy decision to make and I honestly think that taking away the payments people get will have little effect on immunisation rates. People who choose not to immunise tend towards educated individuals who have made an informed decision.

Please let people make their own decisions without penalisation regarding vaccinations. We have one of the highest vaccination rates in the world. This seems like your going after a small group of people for political gain. Not because it's a good policy but just to gain a few votes.

Thanks for reading

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