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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
Secretary of Health and Human Services
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

We, the 100,000+ strong members of Awake Illinois—a statewide grassroots advocacy organization—and enjoined allied organizations across the nation, write to you with urgency and unwavering resolve. We stand firmly against the renewed push for fear-driven public health theater—including staged “outbreaks,” coercive quarantines, mask mandates, and the reflexive call for more vaccines and restrictions at every headline (“Hantavirus”, etc) or cough.

Awake Illinois proudly endorsed your appointment as Secretary of Health and Human Services because we believed—and still believe—that you possess the courage, vision, and commitment to root out corruption, prioritize prevention, and restore medical freedom and parental rights. Awake Illinois urged your swift confirmation, highlighting your long-standing advocacy for transparency, environmental health, and addressing the chronic disease epidemic driven by toxins, ultra-processed foods, and overmedicalization.

As Moms and Dads on the front lines, we have witnessed the devastating impact of failed policies, eroded parental rights, and the weaponization of public health against families. We championed your leadership at HHS precisely because you promised to end the bureaucratic capture that has harmed our children for decades.

We cheered your focus on real food, clean environments, and rejecting the endless intervention model. Yet here we are again: officials invoking outdated CDC guidance, pressure for compliance, and the familiar drumbeat of emergency measures. We see the pattern clearly—hyped threats, unanswered questions about motives or staging, and renewed attempts to isolate families and control our children.

Enough.

In our communities, we are gathering freely and teaching our children resilience instead of fear. We are resisting in our homes, schools, and local governments. We will not surrender our freedoms or our children’s futures to another cycle of this failed approach.

Secretary Kennedy, we encourage you to:

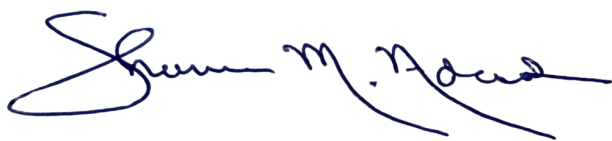
- Continue public rejection of fear-based overreach, quarantine theater, and unverified “emergency” declarations.
- Call for full transparency beyond scripted CDC narratives.
- Prioritize and protect parental rights and bodily autonomy as **non-negotiable**. Apply this to students in PreK-12, colleges, and universities.
- Continue exposing the true drivers of poor health—environmental toxins, ultra-processed foods, and pharmaceutical over-reliance—while draining the swamp of bad science.

MAHA Moms, Dads, Awake Illinois, and fellow grassroots organizations helped build this movement. We stand by the early and vocal endorsement of your cabinet appointment. We remain your strongest grassroots allies when you hold the line for health freedom. We will make our voices heard loudly—in our communities, at the ballot box, and through relentless advocacy—if the promises of MAHA are compromised.

As America approaches its 250th anniversary, let it celebrate liberty, strength, and real health—not another round of control and compliance.

We stand ready to support you. Do not let bureaucrats, media, or special interests undermine what we have started together.

Sincerely,



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