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**Wisconsin United for Freedom Press Release**

Wisconsin United for Freedom (WUFF) was founded in 2019 in response to legislative attempts to eliminate Wisconsin's personal conviction exemption for childhood immunizations. We successfully advocated to preserve vaccine choice then, and we will do the same again since a similar piece of legislation is currently being circulated by Democrats in our state legislature. As such, we applaud the CDC's recent overhaul of the childhood immunization schedule, which significantly reduces the number of universally recommended vaccines from 17-18 to 11 diseases. This historic shift aligns the U.S. more closely with peer nations like Denmark, emphasizing parental choice, informed consent, and shared clinical decision-making for additional vaccines such as COVID-19, influenza, rotavirus, and others.

By moving away from one-size-fits-all mandates and recognizing that many vaccines may not be necessary for all children, the CDC is restoring trust in public health and empowering families to make personalized health decisions with their trusted healthcare provider, based on individual risk factors. In the report issued by HHS announcing the changing of the schedule, HHS states, "It is generally considered contrary to basic medical ethics to coerce or require a medical intervention, and informed consent is a cornerstone of medical care in the U.S. and abroad." All previously recommended vaccines remain fully accessible and covered by insurance, ensuring options without coercion. This approach supports the principles of transparency and parental rights that WUFF has championed through citizen lobbying, public rallies, and educational outreach.

This change represents a long-overdue victory for medical freedom, prioritizing transparency, evidence-based policy, and the fundamental right of parents to direct their children's healthcare without government overreach.

—Tara Czachor, Co-Founder of Wisconsin United for Freedom