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To Whom It May Concern

I am a Pediatrician and Head of Department of Pediatrics, St Stephens Hospital, Delhi for 22 years. I have previously worked as Consultant Pediatrician in West Middlesex University Hospital London UK. I have over 130 scientific research publications in peer reviewed journals. I am an expert on childhood vaccine and was a member of the NTAGI – the highest advisory body of the Government of India on vaccination.

I write this reference for Dr Jovana Stojkovic, a Psychiatrist by training, who is known and respected internationally for her principled stand against mandatory vaccination. History has repeatedly witnessed how, when persons of such standing are prosecuted, it does little to diminish their reputation but it tarnishes the image of the prosecutors irreparably. I will like to call your kind attention to the points made below.

Adverse Events Following Immunization

Vaccines often provide cost-beneficial, public-health protection from serious illness. However not all vaccines are safe and cost-beneficial. It is well known that there may be individual susceptibility to adverse events following immunization. Such susceptible individuals may suffer fatal reactions while hundreds of others were not harmed. There is a systematic effort to downplay these risks and this is described clearly in this paper which must be compulsory reading for anyone trying to prosecute Jovana (Puliyeel, Naik. Revised World Health Organization (WHO)'s causality assessment of adverse events following immunization—a critique F1000 Research. <https://f1000research.com/articles/7-243/v2>).

MMR and Autism

In 2004 the US Center for Disease Control published research demonstrating that there was no link between vaccinated children's risk of subsequent diagnosis of autism and the age at which the child was vaccinated with MMR. It has now been revealed by one of the authors Dr WW Thompson, who turned whistle-blower, that there was a 340% increased risk in African American children vaccinated before the age of 2 years. He described how the data was distorted to arrive at the CDC's proclaimed conclusion of there being no association of MMR and autism. This story is referenced in the F1000 Research article quoted above.