

Done Mary Holland PhD to Jovana Stojko...

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To the Court of Honor of the Medical Chamber of Serbia:

**Re: Jovana Stojkovic, MD**

I am writing to support Dr. Jovana Stojkovic, who bravely stands for the bedrock of ethical medicine: the right to prior, free and informed consent. I understand that she opposes mandatory vaccination, thus upholding her duty to provide true patient consent. Serbia is one of the 193 countries in the world that voted in favor of the Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights; the right to consent is enshrined in Article 6. Any limitations on such right must be consistent with international law.

It is beyond dispute that vaccines cause severe injury and death to some. For this reason in the United States we have a federal compensation program, where thousands of individuals have won compensation for vaccine injuries and deaths. Mandatory vaccination without the right to refuse violates the Serbian Constitution's Article 24 Right to Life and Article 25 Right to Physical and Mental Integrity. I am hopeful that the European Court of Human Rights will clarify that Serbia's mandate law violates fundamental human rights. In the meantime, it is critical to preserve the opportunity for ethical physicians like Dr. Stojkovic to continue to work.

Scholars and scientists who follow vaccine law, policy and science are watching Serbia closely on how it handles Dr. Stojkovic's case. Serbia's stature in the world of bioethics and human rights is on the line.

Sincerely yours,

Mary S. Holland

