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My name is Dawn Loughborough. I am the mother of three great children, one with Autism. I am here today to follow up on my request earlier this year for a task force looking into environmental causation. I return today to describe some points of interest for IACC regarding the Congressional Autism Hearing, 1 in 88 Children: A Look into the Federal Response to the Rising Rates of Autism in the Office Of Government Reform on November 29, 2012.

Chairman Issa in his Preview Statement said:

“... In recognition of this increase and of the reality that we don’t know enough about ASD, the Congress passed the Combating Autism Act in 2006 to establish the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee so we could facilitate an exchange of information and coordination in the hopes of raising awareness and understanding of ASD research and services. In Fiscal Year 2012, Congress directed \$230 million for ASD-specific research and services.

Today, we will get a clearer picture on what is being done, what questions still need to be answered and what needs exist for those children, adults and families who live with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.”
End Quote.

If nothing changes, and we project the current rate of prevalence onto children born today, we can expect autism rates of 1 in 26, and if 4 million children are born this year in the U.S., that equates to 153,000 more children with ASD each year that we don’t act to address this national tragedy.

The question that still needs to be answered ... I am here to specifically explore that which I will refer to as regressive autism, which for the sake of opening new possibilities for our children, I will dare say can be considered a medical set of concerns presenting with autism behaviors not the inverted current world view.

An overriding concern of the congressional committee members and family testimonies at the hearing last month was the verbal evidence stating

- 1.) Autism is Medical and
- 2.) Families are seeing their children regress after vaccines.

From hearings back in 2000 to now 2012, these testimonies demonstrate a twelve year span of medical atrocity by injection for our nation.

Dr. Brian Hooker, PhD, PE, a parent and research scientist, over the past 8 years, has looked into government vaccine causation research. Dr. Hooker has found significant issues with the safety of Thimerosal, based on the evaluation of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) vaccine safety research, using discovery from over 100 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. The government body of evidence for vaccine safety studies is under question regarding overall research integrity, including in particular, with the involvement of Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office

of Inspector General (OIG) Most Wanted Fugitive, Paul Thorsen as lead investigator. It is time to reopen and re-examine these concerns.

The travesty is that the link between vaccine exposure and autism causation has been downplayed, erroneously researched, discounted, and arrogantly ignored too long and should be revisited looking at the total number of shots given, shot interactions, and the overall exposure of the ingredients in these products.

On behalf of all families living with seizures, gut disorders, mitochondrial breakdown, chronic pain, myopathy and neurological impairment, I am requesting a task force to

1.) Investigate the complex medical interactions of the childhood vaccination schedule, the associated vaccine ingredients, and perform a long term vaccinated v. voluntary unvaccinated study review of health outcomes and

2.) Determine appropriate integrative treatment solutions to help these children. I have names of excellent qualified physicians, parents, and researchers to recommend upon request for such a task, who by the way, have been presented to IACC in the past.

I propose that our health institutions expand to a new paradigm of looking at Autism as a complex multi-system medical condition instead of a set of psychological behaviors. We need medical programs and insurance coding to embrace the current science on autism that recommends an integrative medical outlook to this disorder.

In summary, for the regressive community, Autism is brain damage and immune system damage and much verbal evidence exists for concern of vaccine causation. Vaccines are known to cause brain damage and death which is why the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act was passed in 1986. Vaccines were a primary concern of the congressional hearing last week.

Somewhere along time, the National vaccine policy became more important than the children it was designed to protect. Looking directly in the face of what is happening to our children's health outcomes in this nation, the CDC reports 1 in 2 U.S. Children have chronic illness.

We are everywhere and we're not going away.