

Joint Statement to Richard Clark, CEO, Merck & Co

Provision of Measles and Mumps Vaccines

As a pro-life community opposed to the use of aborted fetal cell lines in vaccine production, we are deeply concerned with your company's recent decision to discontinue the production and sale of your separate doses of Attenuvax (measles) and Mumpsvax (mumps) vaccines. As these important immunizations are produced using chick embryo, we have opted to use them in preference to your MMR which uses aborted fetal materials in the rubella vaccine. Your decision to withdraw the separate doses from the market, not only portrays Merck as indifferent to the moral sensitivities of its customers, it demonstrates an incredible lack of concern for public health and safety. We want to protect our families from infectious disease, but not at the risk of compromising our deeply held religious and moral convictions. You have a tremendous opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to ethical practices in the pharmaceutical industry by providing morally produced alternatives that all citizens can utilize in good conscience. We the undersigned request that you take the necessary measures to reinstate production of both Attenuvax and Mumpsvax immediately and to discontinue the use of aborted fetal cell lines in future vaccine production, a practice that shamefully and unnecessarily exploits the remains of unborn children. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely:

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