



Comment on the Establishment of a Public Docket and Request for Comments for the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

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Dear Members of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP):

I appreciate the CDC's establishment of a public docket for the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices proceedings on March 18 and 19, 2026, and its invitation for stakeholder comment. This process strengthens regulatory deliberations that directly affect vaccine policy and public confidence in vaccines.

I submit these comments in my capacity as a public health researcher with expertise in the determinants of vaccine uptake, the ethics of vaccine distribution, and the history of vaccination. My doctoral dissertation at Columbia University and subsequent postdoctoral work funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) examined how federal authority, trust, and evidence communication shape public acceptance of vaccination programs.