FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: TFVC APPLAUDS COMPTROLLER HUFFINES FOR PROTECTING PARENTAL RIGHTS AND MEDICAL LIBERTY IN EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS

Keller, TX. November 23, 2006 — Texans for Vaccine Choice (TFVC) applauds Texas Comptroller Don Huffines for proposing new rules to protect parental rights and medical freedom for families participating in Texas' Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program.

The proposed amendments to Comptroller Rule 16.404 would require participating schools to certify that they do not impose COVID-19 vaccination, require vaccinations beyond those established by Texas law, or deny participating children for claiming a medical exemption or affidavit of conscientious objection under Texas law. The proposed rule requires participating providers to certify compliance with existing state law at the time of approval and annually thereafter.

The protections reinforce an important principle: Texas families should not be forced to surrender their medical freedom to access educational opportunities for their children.

"Parents should never have to choose between their children's education and their right to make personal medical decisions," said Rebecca Hardy, President of Texans for Vaccine Choice. "TFVC commends Comptroller Huffines for recognizing that all taxpayer-funded programs should respect parental rights and the protections already established under Texas law."

Texans for Vaccine Choice has long advocated for the protection of informed consent, medical privacy, and the right of every Texan to decline any vaccine without discrimination. We will continue working with state leaders to ensure that Texas law protects all families in every educational setting.

You may submit supportive comments by emailing Travis Pillow by December 21, 2026.

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