

To whom it may concern

It has been brought to my attention that you are looking to implement a screening process for mental health issues for children of age 0 to 3. The screening is frankly unscientific and lacking workability. It appears that there has been undue influence on the government to place children at the whim of drug companies.

To be blunt, it is not possible to predict future mental illness from an arbitrary list of questions on a checklist.

- Apparently, symptoms being used to identify so-called psychiatric disorders for 0 to 3 year olds include: irregular feeding, difficulty sleeping, whining, crying, temper tantrums, shyness, sleeping with the light on and hyperactivity. I suggest that each of us who are alive has suffered from most of the symptoms mentioned. Per Australia's drug regulatory agency's adverse drug reaction database, as of January 2019 there have been 47,459 adverse reaction reports linked to antidepressants, antipsychotics and stimulants, including 1,707 deaths. I don't want to have our government supporting more of this type of thing happening to our future leaders (children).

Please ensure this request is blocked.

Regards

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