

## Editorial

### **“Something is Rotten, But Not Just In Denmark”**

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#### **Abstract** (1st 10% of Text)

It is a pleasure to be here with you today. I am pleased to see that the Autism community is more united today than they have ever been. I have said repeatedly that the Autism Community is the 900-pound gorilla that has not had its voice heard adequately on Capitol Hill. That is largely due to the endless demands on your time, effort, emotions, and money in caring for the unique needs of your children. There is little left to engage the public at large and the Congress in particular. I see that changing. Certainly, last week’s Institute of Medicine “report” has had one positive effect, it has united and reinvigorated you and the parents of autistic and vaccine injured children across this nation.

I want to make it clear that I support vaccinations. My 5-year-old son has had all of his vaccinations. Someone in the media last week tried to portray me as a “vaccine skeptic.” After reviewing my record on this issue and all of my statements in the past, the newspaper printed a retraction. This however, seems to be part of a pattern—to vilify those who simply ask if our vaccines could be safer.