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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am very concerned that the government is considering screening of children, in particular those younger than 3 years old. These children have a right not to be given harmful psychiatric drugs at such an early age. They would have no cognizance of what is being done to them and we would be a very cruel society to inflict such an act on those who are too young to decide for themselves.

Factually there is no science behind treating children for early intervention of "signs" of mental health. This is a harmful pseudoscience. We have been convinced by the rhetoric of those in positions of authority that there is a bonafide way to prevent youth and children from developing mental illness. The entire area is confused. The supposed symptoms are in fact normal childhood phenomena. We must not allow children to be medicated for being children.

Look at the facts.

After all the years of medicating the population providing so called "treatment" the reality is that the mental health of the population has not improved. More of the wrong solution will not make matters better.

Psychiatric treatment is failing, has failed and betrayed innumerable innocent people. Let us not commit further damage to our future generation by such inhumane activities.

Diet, nutrition and underlying physical, environmental, relationships, and undiagnosed actual medical conditions would do much more good.

My own mother has been all but destroyed by the harmful psychiatric treatment and her life ruined. There are countless examples in society of the harmful effects of psychiatry. We have a duty to provide a safe environment to the future generations.

Sincerely,

Paul Reid