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Liability-Free Act of 1986 must be repealed

SALEM, Ore.—Senate Republican Whip Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls, is the chief sponsor of [Senate Joint Memorial 12](#), which calls on Congress to repeal the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, or the Liability-Free Act, which states that "[no] vaccine manufacturer shall be liable in a civil action for damages arising from a vaccine-related injury or death associated with the administration of a vaccine after October 1, 1988, if the injury or death resulted from side effects that were unavoidable even though the vaccine was properly prepared and was accompanied by proper directions and warnings."

Linthicum released the following statement:

"It is time for Congress to be on the right side of history and to repeal this disastrous law. While it may have been passed with good intentions, the vaccine industry and marketplace have changed dramatically over the last three decades. This blanket protection for pharmaceutical manufacturers is no longer necessary or prudent."

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