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Support the GAVI against diseases

I recently saw a great show on PBS, "NOVA: Calling the Shots."

It explained how easily deadly childhood diseases we thought we would never see again — measles, whooping cough, polio — are returning, even to this country. That's because a critical percentage of parents are opting out of vaccinating their children.

The connection to autism is one that worries many parents. However, it has been completely disproven, even considered fraudulent.

Many doctors and health professionals testified of feeling helpless seeing the unnecessary return of these diseases and deaths.

Also of concern is the ease with which they can be brought in from other parts of the world. The United States can alleviate this last stress by leading the way in funding GAVI, the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations, so that nobody worldwide must watch their child die from one of these easily preventable diseases.

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