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I am a licensed dental health practitioner.

I have been in dentistry since 1974. I have been a dental assistant as well as a licensed dental hygienist and have worked continuously in an environment with toxic fumes from the removal of silver fillings as well as in the beginning in the 1970's before gloves and OSHA/CDC; we used the 'squeeze cloth' method during the placement of the amalgam into prepped tooth surfaces. I am also a consumer. Born 7 wks premature, I did not have vision or hearing losses or any allergies. BUT, I have been a patient of 16 amalgam fillings in my life; placed between 7 and 16 years old. In that period of time, I started to experience immune deficiencies in my body and became susceptible to: multiple ear infections, strep throats, mono twice, chicken pox, measles and began to have trouble regulating my blood sugar, my stamina and energy. Being naturally athletic, I started declining from being vibrant to collapsing once I got home from high school. In 6th and then in 12th grade I had mono cases that were extreme and I lost much school each year. I also became sensitive to foods containing gluten, had to sit in the front of the class to hear and by the age of 19 had my first set of eye glasses. I lost 50%/25% hearing: L and R ears respectfully and wear hearing aids. Before the advent of the internet, I did not know that it was coming from mercury poisoning both from the silver amalgams but also from my childhood and adult healthcare vaccinations. To the FDA: WITH DEEP RESPECT, SINCERITY AND TRUTHFULNESS PLEASE STOP THE LEGALITY OF USING MERCURY IN ALL DENTAL PRODUCTS and IMMUNIZATIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER THESE DANGERS AS IF IT WERE YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, CHILD OR PARENT OR PRE-BORN GRANDCHILD. PLEASE CONSIDER IT ALSO TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT'S WATER, AIR, AND SOIL FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.