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Judge Rules Against Parents in Baby DNA Case

Citizens' Council for Health Freedom: Parents Should Appeal Court Order Granting State's Motion to Dismiss Lawsuit

ST. PAUL, Minn.—[Citizens' Council for Health Freedom \(CCHF\)](#) is responding after a District Court ruled in favor of the defense on a motion to dismiss a case involving Baby DNA in Michigan. Read the Aug. 8 *Adam Kanuszewski, et. al. v. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, et. al.* decision [here](#).

“As the organization that first discovered state storage of newborn DNA, we are disappointed in the judge’s ruling against Michigan parents who sued the State of Michigan for storing and using their child’s DNA without their consent,” said Twila Brase, president and co-founder of CCHF. *“The children’s blood was taken at birth for the newborn genetic screening program and sent to the Michigan Neonatal Biobank, which holds the DNA of almost every child born in Michigan since 1987—more than 5 million children, many of them now adults.*

“The judge’s decision to limit ‘harm’ to actions taken with the children’s newborn blood samples after they were stored without their parent’s consent is shortsighted,” Brase added. *“The retention is the first harm. Most of these children will grow up to be law-abiding adults with their DNA held by the government—used, shared and available for the state legislature to pass laws expanding how it can or must be used in the future.*

“This ruling sets a dangerous precedent of disregard for government retention of citizen DNA starting at birth, and it is indeed a violation of constitutional rights under the Fourth and Fourteenth amendments. These parents should appeal this court order granting the state’s motion to dismiss the lawsuit.”

Brase is the author of the new book, *“Big Brother in the Exam Room,”* published last month by Beaver’s Pond Press. Besides a section on Baby DNA, the book exposes how and why Congress forced doctors and hospitals to install a data-collecting, command-and-control surveillance system in the exam room. The extensively researched work also includes the negative impact of EHRs on privacy, personalized care, costs, patient safety and more, according to doctors and data from more than 125 studies. *“Big Brother in the Exam Room”* is available at [Amazon.com](#) and [www.BigBrotherInTheExamRoom.com](#).

For more information about CCHF, visit [www.cchffreedom.org](#), its [Facebook](#) page or its Twitter feed @CCHFFreedom. Read more about [“Big Brother in the Exam Room”](#) [here](#), and view the [media page for CCHF](#) [here](#). For more about CCHF’s free-market, cash-based care initiative, *The Wedge of Health Freedom*, visit [www.JoinTheWedge.com](#), *The Wedge* [Facebook](#) page or follow *The Wedge* on Twitter @wedgeoffreedom.

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