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CONTROVERSIAL, BESTSELLING AMERICAN AUTHOR DAVID KIRBY TO SPEAK AT HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

**Briefing by Journalist Who Covers Vaccine-Autism Debate is Sponsored
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U.S. Journalist David Kirby, author of the award winning book “Evidence of Harm, Mercury in Vaccines and the Autism Epidemic – A Medical Controversy,” will give a special briefing at the Houses of Parliament in London, on Wednesday, 4 June.

Mr. Kirby will speak about recent legal, political and scientific developments in the United States in the ongoing vaccine-autism controversy. The briefing is open to Peers in the House of Lords, Members of Parliament, their Staff, members of the Media, and Invited Guests. It is sponsored by His Lordship Robin Hodgson, Baron Hodgson of Astley Abbots, Shropshire.

The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 4 June at 3:30PM at the Houses of Parliament, Palace of Westminster, Committee Room 4.

In addition to his Parliament briefing, Mr. Kirby will also give a **free public lecture on Wednesday 4th June, 6:30-10PM** at Regent Hall, 275 Oxford Street, London.

In addition, Mr. Kirby will attend an informal **reading, book signing and Q&A on Friday 6th June, 4:00-7:00PM** at Gudrun Jonsson, 2 Napier Road, Kensington, London.

Mr Kirby’s visit has already been covered in the **Daily Telegraph**: “**MMR: The debate that won't go away**” and the **Sunday Sun**: “**Autism-link writer in talk to MPs**”

Among the subjects he will address are:

- 1) A recent case in the US Vaccine Court in which the federal government conceded that vaccines induced autism in one little girl – and updates on other cases in the court.
- 2) Growing evidence of a link between mitochondrial dysfunction and autistic regression, and case studies of several ASD children with mitochondrial issues.
- 3) State-of-the-art research underway at top universities on the connection between environmental toxins, mitochondrial function, oxidative stress, glutathione depletion, neuro-inflammation and autistic encephalopathy.
- 4) Declarations by all 3 US Presidential candidates that autism is epidemic and calling for more research into vaccines and mercury as possible causes.
- 5) Recent studies linking ASD risk with heavy metals and other toxins in air pollution.

The visit is sponsored by US autism organizations Generation Rescue, Autism Research Institute, National Autism Association, Coalition for SAFE MINDS, and Talk About Curing Autism.

David Kirby is a former contributor to *The New York Times* and a writer for the popular blog, *The Huffington Post*. “Evidence of Harm,” debuted on *The New York Times* bestseller list in 2005, and is still widely read today. It won the Investigative Reporters and Editors Award in 2005 for Best Book. Kirby has appeared on NBC’s *Meet the Press*, CNN’s *Larry King Live*, NBC’s *The Today Show*, MSNBC’s *Imus in the Morning*, CNN *Headline News*, Air America, and many others.

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