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Scientists counter RFK Jr. by launching independent autism panel

The news of a new independent autism advisory board is heartening to those who believe in science (“Scientists create autism panel, citing RFK Jr.’s politicization of research,” [BostonGlobe.com](https://www.bostonglobe.com/2026/03/10/opinion/letters-independent-autism-panel-created/?event=event12), March 3). The Independent Autism Coordinating Committee offers a steady, science-driven reality check to Washington’s politicized delusions.

Federal changes to autism guidance under Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. have raised alarm within the scientific and medical communities. Ignoring established scientific consensus and reopening debates that have been settled by overwhelming evidence not only distracts from urgent research priorities but also risks eroding public trust.

By convening leading experts and engaging the autism community, the Independent Autism Coordinating Committee can help ensure that national conversations remain focused on meaningful advances. Families need progress in early identification, effective intervention, child and adult services, and vocational support. Researchers need coordinated national priorities that accelerate discovery in genetics, neuroscience, and education. What they do not need is a return to discredited theories that divert attention and resources.

Autism policy must be shaped by data, compassion, and collaboration, not controversy. The Independent Autism Coordinating Committee will safeguard the integrity of autism research and keep the focus where it belongs: on evidence-based solutions.

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