

**Rothschild HB6158**

To Whom It May Concern,

I have practiced Pediatrics in Danbury, Connecticut for thirteen years. I support House Bill 6158, An Act Concerning Vaccine Distribution. I was surprised when the vaccine mandate was foisted on the physicians and their patients last year without the benefit of a public hearing or going through the normal legislative process.

The vaccine mandate was created in search of a problem. CT already has some of the highest immunization rates in the nation and the mandate will not do anything to improve the immunization rates in the 6 months to school age children. My practice had vaccine immunization rates above 90% before the mandate and our rate will drop with the mandate. With the mandate I am unable to vaccinate my patients aged 19-22 years.

I support House Bill 6158, An Act Concerning Vaccine Distribution, because this bill will allow my practice to return to the excellent vaccination rates we had accomplished prior to the vaccine mandate.

Sincerely,

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