

SB 1128

My name is Pam Curley, from Naugatuck, CT. I had been employed at Waterbury Hospital and had refused to participate in their mandatory flu vaccination program for personal health and religious reasons.

I was suspended for 2 wks without pay and subsequently terminated (although the hospital states my termination was not related to my flu shot refusal). I believe it is because I spoke out against the vaccination that I lost my job.

Pls do not pass this legislation!! It is not good medicine. There are safer, less invasive measures that offer protection from the flu. The flu shot is never even guaranteed to be effective. As a matter of fact, this year, it was not. The yearly inoculation causes concern because historically, it is the first of its type to be administered as such. We do not know how this might impair our own natural immune system. Also, the heavy metals associated with vaccines will accumulate and can be toxic. There is risk of vaccine injuries such as Guillain Barre syndrome which can be totally debilitating for life. A nursing professor from SCSU was stricken with this from a flu shot in 2008 and is permanently wheelchair bound.

It sets a bad precedent to force vaccines on employees against their will. This country was founded on freedom and freedom to choose how to stay healthy from the flu should remain intact. This bill will tamper with the integrity of the right to refuse medical treatment and the right of informed consent.

There is also a conflict of interest. The push for vaccination concerns me that it is more about profit than public safety. It is a \$3.8 billion income for pharmaceutical companies regardless of its effectiveness. If it causes injury or death, there is no compensation for those affected.

There are safer, more natural measures that offer protection from the flu that are widely and easily accessible. Common sense measures such as rest, increased vit D, pushing fluids, handwashing all play an important role in lessening the chance of flu. I for one have never gotten the shot and have never gotten the flu.

Please do right by the people of Connecticut and refuse to allow this bill to pass.