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Public Testimony RAISED Bill no. 6949

Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH Testimony Against Raised H.B. No. 6949 AN ACT  
CONCERNING CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS

Senator Terry Gerratana, Representative Matt Ritter and members of Public Health Committee.

I strongly oppose proposed bill HB 6949 regarding religious exemption to vaccination.

Section 20 of the Connecticut Constitution reads: "No person shall be denied the equal protection of the law nor be subjected to segregation or discrimination in the exercise or enjoyment of his civil or political rights because of religion, race, color, ancestry or national origin."

This bill supports withholding a child's access to education if parents do not comply. Forcing a citizen to notarize a document that states they are putting their child and others at risk due to their religious beliefs, constitutes religious persecution.

Please oppose this bill.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guy Smith", written over a printed name.

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