

Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Testimony Against Raised H.B. No. 6949 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS By Marija Mikolajczak

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

My name is Marija Mikolajczak, I am a parent and citizen residing in the state of Connecticut and I am writing testimony against HB 6949.

There is a lot of fear and misinformation about the measles leading to a hysteria driving an attack on religious freedoms and medical autonomy. Measles was a common childhood illness for most of human history and may have a role in fighting or prevention of cancer. Current research is barely tapping the surface of understanding the human micro biome and the complexities of the immune system. The MMR vaccine hasn't even been properly subjected to pre-licensure, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies using an inert placebo, which is the standard for evidenced based medicine.

Measles is a mild and common childhood illness in the context of the standard of living in Connecticut where proper food, shelter, and hygiene are prevalent. In contrast, the MMR vaccine has led to a multitude of vaccine injuries and deaths, as well as additional complications for those who do become force this or any other vaccine, literally physically inserting a substance into a person's body against their will and beliefs, is completely contrary to freedom and human rights.

Connecticut has one of the highest vaccination rates of any state. And no one has even attempted to make the case that religious exemptions are resulting in increased levels of disease. This bill is an added expense to all involved and violates First Amendment religious rights.

Connecticut religious exemption laws aren't broken, please protect our First Amendment right of freedom to religion and do not support HB 6949.