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Senator Terry Gerratana, Representative Matt Ritter and members of Public Health Committee. I'm a concerned CT parent, I've read over House Bill H.B. 6949 and sounds to me like some sort of modern-day religious inquisition. This bill violates our First Amendment religious rights. The First Amendment guarantees freedoms concerning religion, expression, and also forbids the congress from restricting an individual's religious practices. This amendment was meant to protect the american people from having to defend those beliefs and what your asking is the opposite of that. It would force people to defend their beliefs. Parental informed consent is the standard in developed democracies around the world. Connecticut has one of the highest vaccination rates of any state. And no one has even attempted to make a case that religious exemptions are resulting in increased levels of disease. To force on the public something our own government has declared unavoidably unsafe is equal to Tyranny. We are still a nation of 'We the People". In a wonderful country like ours, we should desire that all our institutions and policies be characterized by a respect for individual God-given freedoms. Not only is does this bill violate our first amendment rights, but it is an added expense to all involved, and it achieves nothing. I urge you to uphold our first amendment rights, put an end to this Religious inquisition, and vote against House Bill H.B. 6949.

Thank you,
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