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I am submitting this testimony in opposition to Raised HB 7101 AN ACT CONCERNING FLU SHOTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS PRIOR TO HOSPITAL DISCHARGE.

The influenza vaccine has a notoriously low rate of effectiveness, year after year, and a high rate of reported adverse events. It is shameful that this inferior product would be offered to anyone let alone to patients being discharged from a hospital presumably after being treated for a serious medical condition-- and, worse, to senior citizens who are easy targets for sales pitches.

Additionally, I see nothing in the bill about offering vaccine package inserts on the various flu vaccines available which would include lists of ingredients such as formaldehyde and octylphenol ethoxylate (a surfactant commonly used in paint), and adverse events such as Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Bell's Palsy and other nervous system disorders, and ironically even respiratory disorders.

I also do not see a recommendation to give the patient time to read this information at their leisure, to do further research on their own and to discuss it with their personal physician before giving their informed consent to this risky, fairly ineffective but highly profitable medical procedure.

This bill is also unnecessary as hospitals are already authorized to administer flu vaccines. It seems that HB 7101 is designed to catch those who already refused them and to have one last stab at them. Literally.

This bill does not benefit anyone except for those who have an agenda to push the flu vaccine on as many people as they can--and for those who profit from the sales. Our legislators should be protecting our senior citizens from these pressure tactics, not passing legislation to encourage them.

I ask that you vote NO on HB 7101.

Thank you,

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