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Dear Members of Children Committee,

Please oppose HB-7005 in its current form and when and if the language changes to a complete direct attack to remove the entire existing religious exemption.

As Legislators, you always have to try and balance many different competitive interests. This very bill HB-7005 is of competing interest right now.

Please kill this bill. As citizens, we believe it's our right to exercise those rights under the US constitution to our genuine and sincere beliefs. Any bill that violates our constitutional rights, freedom and violates religion is unconstitutional and this bill is just that.

Everyone has a different way and belief of religion. Its where you personally find it to fit in your life, and has nothing to do with a member of clergy or where your religion takes place physically.

This is unconstitutional and also becomes discriminatory against religions with no clergy. Religion is personal and is private and should remain separate from the state.

Having others get involved in the acknowledgement of our personal religious beliefs is opening up our private medical information in order to exercise our religious freedom in this country. A school nurse is already privy to sensitive medical information which doesn't make it become intrusive. Many school nurses are not opposed to signing an acknowledgment.

This bill has a very chilling effect on our religious freedoms to say the least, since we have legal rights to religious liberty under the Constitution.

It makes me extremely unsettled to think I may have to alter my beliefs because of government influence.

Please take a moment and understand how HB-7005 is a grab at our constitutional rights and I ask you to oppose and kill this bill today. HB-7005 is impractical, an infringement, and needs to be thrown out for good.

Thank you for your time,

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