

Dear Members of the Children's Committee,

I am writing to ask you to oppose HB-7005.

Religion is a personal and private family matter protected by our Constitution and this would violate the separation of church and state. Recent court decisions have upheld the rights of individuals seeking exemptions from immunizations based upon personal and religious reasons. On the U.S. Supreme Court level in *Frazee v. Illinois Dept. of Security*, 489 U.S. 829, it was found that a state may NOT deny an exemption simply because a person is not a member of a formal religious organization. In my opinion, the passage of this bill would have a detrimental effect on the free exercise of religious liberty in our country. Requiring a clergy signature is unconstitutional and discriminatory against religions that are not overseen by a particular clergy person.

Please do not allow the government, designed to serve its people and protect our liberties, to encroach on my religious freedom as well as others.

Regards,  
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