

Dear Children's Committee Members.

I would like to **oppose the proposed HB 7005: an act prohibiting the acknowledgement of parental statements concerning religious objection to vaccination by school nurses and permitting members of the clergy to acknowledge such statements.**

While my children were vaccinated, I am a firm believer in the religious rights and protection of all. I formerly worked in the health care industry and believe that it is our duty to protect the medical privacy of all especially our children.

Requesting that school nurse be removed from the exemption form forces parents to share their children's medical information with other people including potentially strangers or neighbors within their community (equally concerning either way). Additionally, being heavily involved in my own church, I can attest to the fact that many of our leaders simply do not have time to take on additional tasks such as making special appointments with parishioners to sign what sounds like a permission slip. This is very delicate territory and unjust when the government attempts to step in and dictate who our children's medical information "needs" to be disclosed to.

If the intent is simply to acknowledge that parents are who they say they are, then why do we require verification at all. Our school personnel and school nurses know who we are and know who our children are.

I am certain that all law abiding legislative officials will see the lack of necessity of this bill and potential unconstitutionality of its nature. I thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns and urge you to vote no to this bill.

God Bless,

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