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HB 7005 – AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PARENTAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO VACCINATION BY SCHOOL NURSES AND PERMITTING MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUCH STATEMENTS

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

I would like to express my position against Bill number 7005. As a Connecticut resident and a parent who holds a Religious Exemption from vaccinations for my children, I feel like in recent years there has been a huge effort by legislators to limit my freedom and that of others who share the same beliefs as me.

I am not a member of an organized religious entity, but I am a Christian and I have the right to live my life accordingly. My religious beliefs prevent me from using products such as vaccinations, which are produced using aborted fetus cells and other biological material from animals and insects. It is my right as an individual and parent to choose what medical procedures fall in line with my beliefs and are acceptable or not for my family. It is my right as a citizen of this country and the state of Connecticut to live my life according to my religious principles. Every year there are bills being introduced that would limit or make it harder to obtain a religious exemption, HB 7005 is one of them. I trust that my legislators will understand that this discrimination is unjust, it infringes upon my basic rights as a free human being. Giving a member of the clergy the power to acknowledge a Religious Exemption form for school is acceptable but removing that authority from a school nurse is deliberately limiting my options and causing undue hardship.

Thank you for your attention,

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