

Please Oppose HB7005

Filing a religious exemption to vaccinations is solely a Parent's right and should be taken as valid. Parent's rights to submit this exemption or any other informed consent to Medical Practitioners must be upheld. If this bill is approved more like it will follow. Please do not be the one's to set the precedent that Parents are not allowed to have a voice in their child's medical care or health.

We have been at Yale Children's for our daughter's Type 1 Diabetes diagnosis to hear directly from doctors that parents are vital to the health conversations. However, we are hearing now that when it comes to vaccinations parent's should not have the right to determine whether or not their children receive vaccines. There is already increase pressure on parents to conform to the vaccine schedule yet there are many doctors who still believe wholly that parents need to choose. If we remove a parent's voice from stating religious exemptions for vaccines, we are slowly eroding parent's and religious rights across America. I am thankful to see that you have in your hands testimonies from people across numerous faiths to show that this is not merely a "Christian" issue or a right or left wing issue. This bill would negatively affect people across all voting lines.

Please oppose this incredibly discriminatory bill. If we remove parents from the decision of any vaccine conversation, what will be the next step? If this bill is approved, this is an outright attack on religious freedom, parental freedom, and medical practitioners to assess patients on an individual basis across Connecticut.

Regards,

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