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Dear Members of the Children's Committee:

I am a strong believer of the 1st amendment and freedom of religion. Regardless of my stance on science/vaccination as a Democrat, I have a hard time with legislative creep and making it harder for folks to exercise their religious freedoms. Removing the school nurse and inserting clergy does just that. In the US, religious beliefs are sincerely held personal religious beliefs that do not need to be acknowledged by members of the clergy. Period.

CT has an extremely high vaccination rate, well over what is suggested for herd immunity. Why are we only okay with protecting religious freedoms in some scenarios and not others? The numbers here are small enough, do not warrant changes, and especially do not warrant removing the religious exemption in general, which seems to be the ultimate goal. CT faces much bigger priorities on which to focus.

Please OPPOSE HB 7005.

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