

Dear Children's Health Committee Members,

I am writing to you requesting to please oppose bill HB-7005.

There is absolutely zero reason to have clergy as an added signature for a religious exemption.

There are some religions that do not have clergy; Jehovah's Witnesses, Quakers, Baha'is, etc;

Nothing is wrong with the current religious exemption, why alter it? I would like to respectfully remind everyone that Connecticut has an exceptionally high vaccination rate of 98.2%.

My children are not vaccinated because of our faith. What about separation of church and state? The first amendment? This is legislative creep at its finest. Religion is a personal and private family matter.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,
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