

Sent 02/04/19 to Rep Charles Ferraro, and Sen James Maroney...

Just last month, a minister friend of mine was able to challenge what Tony Harp was trying to do in New Haven, regarding the requirement of flu vaccine for school admission.

His wife went to the New Haven BoE meeting with statute in hand, and finding the mandate(s) missing, they were able to send their kids to school without having to have them injected with something/anything that they themselves as parents didn't/couldn't/wouldn't approve themselves.... for whatever exemption reasons, religious or otherwise.

But Now...

7005 intends to put it into a State statute, and empower, no *prohibit* school nurses from acknowledging religious exemptions (RE) at the State's statutory level.

In addition, 7005 *permits* clergy to *acknowledge* parental statements concerning RE. Toward what end?, one must ask. The school nurses are in the schools at the tip of the spear, so to speak, not the clergy. What is the intent of this other than to establish RE as something that the state "permits", so that at some future point it can prohibit that which it formerly permitted.

As a clergyman, a citizen and a free-born human, CT has not the right to establish my rights. They will then at no future point have the right to restrict my rights. Perhaps at or very near the top of my rights, as established by God, is the right to liberty; and if this does not include the liberty to believe what I believe, then it is no liberty at all.

This bill is wrong on so many levels. It strips parents the right of deciding on their children's medical decisions. It strips citizens of

making informed decisions for themselves and their families. It strips children of the right to be loved - relationally and actually - by the parents that God gave them, not to mention stripping the children themselves of any *sense* of rights over their own bodies as they grow; learning rather that the State has all the rights over their bodies. I don't want to write this, but to those who support this thing, everything in me says, "How dare you?".

Just to be graphic... do you know what we call things done to minors, against their parents' will, and against what the minors have been taught is right by their families and their clergymen and women? It is called statutory rape. Is that too graphic? I think it is not, and here are two reasons why. The effect that all these drugs can/may/are having on children is a subject of great concern, medically. The effect that these statutes and others like them can/may/are having on the fabric of a free society is a subject of even greater and longer lasting concern.

Pardon me for being grave, but this thing speaks to the core of who we are as free people. I beg you to think about this and oppose it, and please understand that the reason for our legislators is the protection and preservation of our freedoms against all enemies, foreign or domestic. Enemies will not break in to free me. Enemies will break in to enslave me.

Don't worry about keeping me safe, worry about keeping me free.

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I've found I can tolerate being judged, far better than being of no consequence.