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Dear Representative Daniel J. Fox,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I'm in strong opposition to 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*" and HB05277 "*An Act Concerning Changes to the Requirements for Students to Qualify for the Temporary Waiver for Required Immunizations*".

I am a Connecticut resident and I have rights to my religious freedom. Both the United States and Connecticut Constitution's recognize that our religious freedoms are paramount. This is why they are listed under Article I in the US Constitution and Section 3 of Article One in the CT Constitution.

Being able to make our own decisions about my and my children's body and health are basic human rights. This is no different than current issues with women's sexual and reproductive rights. Allowing a government to mandate what is put in my family's body is a violation of bodily integrity and "*regarded as an unethical infringement, intrusive, and possibly criminal*"<sup>123456</sup>.

This bill takes away rights that are mine based upon being a United States Citizen and Connecticut resident – my body my choice – and deepest spiritual commitment – religious freedom. These bills are unacceptable on both fronts.

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<sup>5</sup> Personal Autonomy, the Private Sphere and Criminal Law Peter Alldridge, Chrisje H. Brants - 2001, retrieved 29 May 2012

<sup>6</sup> Privacy law in Australia Carolyn Doyle, Mirko Bagaric – 2005