

Dear Children's Committee Members,

Please OPPOSE 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.

We believe that HB 7005 is an intrusion into the rights of the American people and an attempt to discriminate against people that hold certain beliefs. It is clear that the end purpose of this bill is to deny individual choice and to make a medical procedure compulsory.

The United States of America was founded on certain freedoms. It is logical that that these freedoms would include the right to choose whether or not a foreign substance would be injected into one's own blood. Denying this fundamental freedom of choice amounts to fascism. The first of the ten points of the Nuremberg Code is that procedures can only be performed with the voluntary, well informed consent of the human subject. We understand that the code deals with research ethics, however, we believe it is relevant in any situation where a medical procedure is being forced on the public.

Belief and faith is a personal journey, so that even within a denomination or religion, individuals will have nuanced and personal views which may differ from others within the same faith. So for a member of the clergy to have to confirm someone's convictions is inappropriate and an overreach of their responsibility to those that they serve. In Romans 14:23, Paul states "For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." Regardless of what a clergy member believes regarding this issue, it is the faith of the individual that must be respected and considered.

Prayerfully submitted,

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