

Members of the Children's Committee,

Please oppose HB-7005. My spouse and I grew up in Shelton, Connecticut and loved our childhood. We then moved around the country and world for degrees in higher education, for travel and for our careers. When we had our children we decided to move back to CT because it was a state we could trust to protect us as we embarked on one of the most important things we would ever do, raise our children.

We are extremely concerned about the threat to our parental and religious freedom with HB-7005. Our state was founded on these freedoms. CT is one of only two states where more people are moving out of the state than are moving in. We are in trouble. And by continuing to threaten freedoms, this will only become worse.

We are in deep prayer that you will protect our freedoms as citizens of this state. Thank you for your time.

Alex McCarthy