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Dear Members and Chairs of the Children's Committee,

I come today to oppose HB 7005. It is absolutely outrageous to me that the state is attempting to force me to make a medical choice against my religious beliefs. I completely oppose vaccine mandates period.

Freedom to exercise a religion is a fundamental Constitutional right. Whereas right to privacy isn't mentioned in the Constitution and is often misunderstood. No one should have to "jump through hoops" to exercise right of conscience. These types of things are what the Supreme Court calls a "burden" on religious freedom.

There is no burden on a school nurse to provide a simple signature acknowledging that I am who I say I am.

I personally have experienced the discrimination from a school nurse who refused to acknowledge my signature on an exemption. She was very rude and would not hear me out. I tried to clarify the role of her signature, and she still refused. So I went to the town clerk, who kindly signed it but because of this I was forced to disclose private health information to a perfect stranger.

The term "antivax" was manufactured by the pharmaceutical industry and promoted by the media. It is not only hateful, but dangerous to us. Claiming that we are dangerous and a threat is completely unscientific and outright false. That term is encouraging discrimination because of our religious beliefs.

Due to some legislators validating the media manufactured hysteria by introducing legislative mandates, families like us are increasingly subjected to harassment, discrimination and even threats. This is unsafe, and should not be tolerated within our CT legislature. That is an extreme form of bullying. How irresponsible!

The pharmaceutical industry is attacking our freedom of religion and we will not put up with it anymore!

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Conscience and Religious Freedom Division is open for business. We, the PEOPLE, will inundate them with complaints until this nonsense stops.

**I ask this legislature to stop harassing us immediately and forever.**

Threatening our religious exemption is harassment and discrimination.

KILL THIS BILL! PLEASE.

For those who are protecting *people* not corporations, thank you for your service. I have a tremendous amount of respect for you!

Sincerely,  
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