

Attention Children's Committee:

I am writing in fervent **opposition** to HB 7005:

Firstly, this bill violates the Federal Hipaa privacy laws which were created to safeguard our privacy, and protect our personal health information and our civil rights. Expanding viewing of our exemptions to Clergy is unnecessary, potentially harmful, and wrong.

Secondly, this bill infringes upon the Freedom of Religion of your constituents. This country was fought and won by those who believed in religious freedom. This is the foundation of our precious United States of America. Questioning one's religious belief, as this bill does, is discriminatory, pure and simple.

Thirdly, what your constituents really want is more freedom to make choices about immunizations. How about adding a philosophical exemption for CT, in addition to the existing religious and medical exemptions?

Immunizations are a medical procedure that involves risks and harm. The Hippocratic Oath states "To Do No Harm" first. I'm surprised and alarmed that the AAP has taken a supportive stance to this bill despite this Oath. They should not be involved with our religious choices and beliefs.

Finally, I close with this bible verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

God has created us perfectly, in his divine image. Imposing your views on our religious freedom and thought is unconstitutional. Please do the right thing, keep our religious exemption as is, and oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

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