

Dear Children's Committee,

I live in Hamden and am a member of the town's Democratic Town Committee. I support HB7005 to have vaccine exemptions require approval from a religious or other official.

I have a child in a public elementary school in Hamden, and the scientific evidence clearly indicates that we all depend on "herd immunity" to keep ourselves and our children healthy and safe. My late maternal grandmother contracted polio as a child in New York, and was fortunate to recover and thrive, although she suffered some permanent physical damage as a result. The idea that we may be headed back in a direction where mostly-eradicated diseases become common again, largely as a result of a concerted anti-science misinformation campaign, is very frustrating and frightening.

Thank you. Sincerely,
Seth Rosenthal