

Dear Members of the Children's Committee,

I am writing in opposition of HB 7005: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARENTAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO VACCINATION BY SCHOOL NURSES AND PERMITTING MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUCH STATEMENTS.

Please, I URGE YOU to OPPOSE this bill. As a parent, it is my right, my personal religious and spiritual beliefs, and interpretation of God's teaching. The choice to live a certain way, or to follow or not follow certain medical procedures is a personal choice and I do not believe that clergy should be involved in these PRIVATE choices. Our country is built on the principle of FREEDOM for all.

Section 20 from the Article First of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut states: No person shall be denied the equal protection of the law nor be subjected to segregation or discrimination in the exercise or enjoyment of his/her civil or political rights because of religion, race, color, ancestry or national origin. Passing the HB 7005 will eliminate the separation of church and state.

This matter is very personal to me and my family, and I URGE you to OPPOSE HB 7005.

Sincerely,

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