

Dear members,

I am writing to OPPOSE HB7005 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.

This act would be completely against the FIRST amendment of our constitution.

Asking a clergy member to verify someone's religious beliefs would, not only discriminate against religions without clergy, but also have a chilling effect on the free exercise of religious liberties.

It is a basic fundamental principle of the United States of America that we have a separation of church and state. This Act would be a serious encroachment of this separation.

For this reason, please oppose HB7005 on the basis of religious discrimination and being a clear violation of our first amendment rights.

Sincerely,
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