

Dear Members of the Children's Committee,

I write to you today in opposition of HB-7005.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PARENTAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO VACCINATION BY SCHOOL NURSES AND PERMITTING MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUCH STATEMENTS.

With deep concern, I ask that please oppose HB-7005. To move forward with this would be nothing short of unconstitutional. HB 7005 would violate our right to practice freedom of religion.

I urge you to please decline this bill as it would be a step forward in diminishing our rights to our and our children's sensitive medical material. We deserve the right to protect this information and the choices we make for our family's. Freedom of religion is OUR RIGHT as citizens.

It would be discriminatory to say there is a difference between a child who has a medical exemption versus a child with a religious exemption.

Considering how unconstitutional and unlawful this bill is, it would seem questionable to propose. There is no apparent reason to change the current religious exemption. We need help protecting our rights as citizens not oppression.

Connecticut's current religious exemption is not only constitutional but it protects our rights as citizens. Passing HB-7005 would be a violation of the First Amendment of the United States.

HHB7005 is a CLEAR VIOLATION of our freedom of religion and should not be considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Madison Taylor,