

Dear Members of the Children's Committee,

I'm writing to you to express my opposition to 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.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievance.”-First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

HB 7005 is discriminatory against the approximately 4,200 religions that are practiced in our world. The use of clergy signatures on the Religious Exemption letter is unconstitutional, this law would discriminate against religions with no clergy. Additionally, adding a clergy member and removing the school nurse for acknowledgment would violate HIPAA.

The current Religious Exemption works, why change it?

Regards,  
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