Dear Public Health Committee Members:

I am writing to you to urge you to oppose HB 7199. It is common knowledge that is NOT a public health threat. HPV is non-communicable and there are real serious issues with this vaccine. In fact, the HPV vaccine is currently documented as one of the most dangerous - as of December 2018 there have been over 60,000 reported adverse events associated with the HPV vaccine on the CDC VAERS data base with over 450 deaths and over 2800 permanent disabilities. If you consider that only an estimated 10% of these events are actually reported than these numbers are staggering and deserve your attention. Additionally, the HPV vaccine has been banned in many countries due to its’ severe side effects and it has never been found to prevent cancer and, in fact, in certain populations who received the vaccine it actually has caused cancer as well as many other adverse reactions including infertility, premature ovarian failure and severe neurological compromise).

The recommendation for the Meningitis vaccine, by the CDC, cannot be taken to the level of a state mandate without demonstrating critical need and there is a vast difference between a recommendation and a mandate. The incidence of Meningitis is rare in Connecticut and almost non-existent among children aged 10-17. The issue of meningococcal vaccination is already being addressed by the meningococcal entrance requirements statute for the slightly more susceptible population - freshman college students choosing to live in a dorm. In addition, EHR systems ensure that this vaccination is offered at doctor’s visit if one is in the appropriate college age group and these recommendations should be discussed with informed consent at a doctor’s office, not mandated by local or federal governments.

Moreover, this bill does not reconcile with federal law. Per the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, parents are required to receive a Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS) prior to the administration of a vaccine. It is illegal to vaccinate a child without parental consent and parents have the right to seek damages from a vaccine if it injures or harms their child. Clearly, this law would disallow a parent that right.

Lastly, please recall that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled vaccines “unavoidable unsafe” and I am vehemently opposed to a bill that would remove parental consent to such a procedure that would cause potential harm to my children.

Sincerely,

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