

To the Members of the Public Health Committee:

At this time, Connecticut has THREE bills being raised related to the HPV (Gardasil) vaccine: HB 7199, SB 858 and SB-94. As a parent, a healthcare professional and a Connecticut resident, I STRONGLY oppose these bills. HPV is a different case than measles, chicken pox and other communicable diseases that are airborne. It is not the place of government to mandate that my child receive a vaccine that is contracted through sexual activity. It is the decision of me, as a parent, along with my children as individuals, to decide when and if they will get this vaccine.

I believe that the passage of these bills is about lobbying and money, not about the best choice for public health or for my children. I am asking you to oppose the passing of these bills.

Thank you for your community service,
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