

Public Health Committee members,

There are three very concerning bills that violate our medical choice, violate our parental rights, and increase risk for children's medical care. I am asking you to oppose all three of these bills.

Oppose HB 7199 = The HPV (Gardasil) vaccine is not for a disease that causes a public health concern and should not be mandatory. This vaccine has a significant increased risk of injury for children. This vaccine should continue to remain voluntary by parents. This bill also introduces the mandatory meningitis vaccine which has significant risk involved. These vaccines should remain voluntary due to the significant risk of injury.

2. Oppose SB 858 = parental consent should not be eliminated in the medical care of our children. We need to preserve a parents rights to protect their children. This bill is a slippery slope to eliminating parental rights. And this bill would allow the HPV vaccine to be given without a parents knowledge. Parents need to be informed and participate in their children's medical care.

3. Oppose SB-94 = Pharmacists should never be allowed to give children of any age vaccines including to kids 12 and over. Due to the risk and adverse effects of some vaccines a pharmacist is not trained or qualified to handle children's medical care. And if the parental consent bill is not opposed this would allow any pharmacist to give vaccines to a child without the parent knowing. A pharmacist does not have the medical knowledge or knowledge of a patients medical history to provide medical care to children.

Connecticut needs to protect the rights of our parents to determine the medical care of our children. All of these bills should be opposed to protect our freedom on medical choice, parental rights, and civil rights.

Sincerely,
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