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Dear Public Health Committee members,

This writing you regarding 1) SB 858- An Act Concerning the Prophylactic Treatment of Minors for Sexually Transmitted Diseases and 2) SB 94 - An Act Allowing Pharmacists to Administer the Flu Vaccine to Children Twelve Years of Age and Older.

I am opposed to these bills passing, as they are an intrusion to parental rights. Children are in NO POSITION to determine what is in their health's best interest, especially if they are 1) physically/mentally unable to communicate their consent 2) still in the process of learning their own family's religious/moral stance on vaccines 3) forced to succumb to pressure from medical personnel to get vaccinated in the event that they are unaccompanied by their parent.

Another point of contention is any vaccine reaction. These bills do not take into consideration a parent's expertise on the current state of health of their child, or past reactions to vaccines (in those who had been previously vaccinated). Who would be willing to pick up the tab for lifetime medical care/bills were a reaction to occur?

Simply put, I oppose these bills. Parental rights must not be trampled.

Sincerely,

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