

Dear Public Health Committee Members:

I am writing to you to urge you to oppose SB 94- AN ACT ALLOWING PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE TO CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

Please realize that per the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 all parents must be given the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for all vaccines being given to a minor child. As per the CDC, this information is written at a 10th grade level and thus minors cannot understand the complexity of these statements and have true informed consent.

This bill potentially endangers a child's health and life by allowing a health worker to provide only their perspective about a child's treatment and it completely disregards a parent's right to informed consent. The State of CT should not be interfering with routine or preventative medical care for minors-this is a parent's right. If a child's complete medical history is not known prior to them accepting a vaccination, and the child was able to make such a potentially life threatening decision without the knowledge of their parents, parents would not be able to seek appropriate medical attention in the event of an adverse reaction if they were unaware their child was given a vaccine. Furthermore, a child may not be fully aware of any potential medical contraindications they may have, genetic predispositions or family religious objections and how will children with disabilities be able to understand the consequences of vaccinations?

This bill does not reconcile with federal law and I urge you to oppose it.

Sincerely,

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