

Members of the Public Health Committee,

I am against SB 94 AN ACT ALLOWING PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE TO CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

The state of CT determined that a young person's brain is not fully developed until age 25, at least when it comes to juvenile justice reform. Why then, should my 12-17 year old CHILD be able to walk into a pharmacy and make the decision to get a flu vaccine without parental consent? By your own logic then, they are not mature enough to weigh the risks vs benefits of getting the vaccine. Furthermore, as their parent, it is my choice, not theirs, as to what gets injected into their underage body.

Per the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, parents MUST be given the Vaccine Information Statement for all vaccines given to a minor child. Per the CDC, they are written at a 10th grade level. So a child younger than that might not understand what they are reading.

What is happening to FREEDOM in this state? My ancestors came here for religious freedom. One bill at a time, you are chipping away at that freedom. You are trying to take away my parental rights, to do what I decide is best for my child. Please OPPOSE SB 94.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Williams