Dear Public Health Committee,

I am writing to OPPOSE SB 858 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPHYLACTIC TREATMENT OF MINORS FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE.

As a parent I am pleading for you to adamantly OPPOSE SB 858 and any amendments that would violate my First Amendment Rights and erode religious vaccine exemptions.

Like many parents testifying, I am not anti-vaccine, but I am for informed choice. I will not allow my children to get an unnecessary vaccine that has been shown to have many adverse side effects as The HPV vaccine has.

Reasons for Opposing this bill:
1. SB 858 is in direct violation of the 1986 Childhood Vaccine Injury Act.
2. The states should not be interfering with medical care, and this bill serves no state interest. HPV is not a public health threat. You are not protecting anyone, only ensuring sales for big pharma (unbelievable how effective the pharmaceutical Lobby has become).
3. SB 585 violates Connecticut State Statute “Students may self-administer medication with only the written authorization of an authorized prescriber and written authorization from a student’s parent or guardian or eligible student. “Eligible student” means a student who has reached the age of eighteen or is emancipated.”
4. HPV and other STDs are extremely treatable and not a life sentence
5. If this bill passes, we are opening the door to an increase in teen pregnancy and to other STDs. Teens will have a false sense of security that they can have unprotected sex.
6. This bill gives cover to pedophiles and rapists. When a minor seeks medical intervention/advice without the inclusion of parents, it protects offenders.
7. Many are allergic to one or more components of these vaccine’s and according to the cdc.gov
8. If there are complications or side effects of treatment. Who is responsible?
9. This bill erodes our rights as a parent to refuse a medical procedure that might cause risk to our child. I am not sure you understand how dangerous these vaccines are. Vaccines such as Hep B and HPV are well documented to cause harm.
11. Vaccines are not 100% affective, they wear off before six years (so before a possible risk).
12. People with allergies or reaction to any component of a vaccine should not receive that vaccine. Minors may not know their entire medical history to make an informed decision. Especially, those with developmental disabilities or those with special needs.
Most importantly - during the past decade there have been numerous studies linking HPV vaccination to chronic illnesses in children and young adults. These include anaphylaxis, lupus, erythema multiforme, acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, transverse myelitis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), central nervous system demyelination, multiple sclerosis, including pediatric multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, pancreatitis, inflammatory bowel syndrome, brachial plexus neuritis,24 brachial neuritis, optic neuritis, neuromyelitis optica, opsoclonus myoclonus, evanescent white dot syndrome, acute cerebellar ataxia, autoimmune hepatitis, autoimmune neuromyotonia, vasculitis, thrombocytopenic purpura, immune thrombocytopenic purpura, Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS), Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), and peripheral sympathetic nerve dysfunction.

A published questionnaire of HPV vaccination recipients focusing on a combination of chronic illness including POTS, CRPS, and fibromyalgia found that 93 percent of individuals reporting symptoms related to these conditions were still incapacitated and unable to work or attend school four years after vaccination. Additionally, several studies have linked HPV vaccination to primary ovarian failure resulting in impaired fertility. A 2018 study found lower pregnancy rates in women who had received the HPV vaccination.

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