

INTRO

My name is Lindy Urso, from Cos Cob, father of 3 young boys. I am a practicing attorney

Why are we here?

Our Religious Exemption was attached to the law that first required vaccines in 1959 and it has NEVER been a problem – and it certainly isn't now.

We have one of the highest VAX rates in the country - at **over 96%**.

We haven't had a single case of measles in school in eons, let alone an outbreak.

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I hear a lot that the Religious Exemption is being “abused.” Even if it were true or discernable, it makes no sense to punish those of us who have a real religious objection. That's like grounding all your children when only one of them misbehaves.

The most COMMON thing I keep hearing is: “we have to pass this bill because we MUST protect the immunocompromised.” Of COURSE – but I challenge any of you to point me to a single case in all of the United States in the last 2-3 decades where an unvaccinated child transmitted a disease to an immunocompromised child? JUST ONE.

Think about it this way: If that were REALLY the reason for this bill, and this was a LEGITIMATE DANGER - AT ALL - WHERE ARE THE PARENTS OF THESE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED?

Shouldn't this building be PACKED with those parents, instead of all of us?? Think about that.

Dr. **Anwar**, on Fox 61 the other night – you told an UNTRUTH during that interview – you said that the FLU vaccine is NOT mandated. You may not be aware (Rep. Josh Elliott isn't either according to a video I've seen) that you made it a requirement over a year ago that every PRESCHOOL CHILD from the 2018/19 school year forward has to receive the highly ineffective and full of side effects Seasonal Flu Vaccine .

And you wonder why there was an uptick in Exemptions last year.

Dr. Anwar –Your seeking to Eliminate OUR Religious Freedom, while your AMA Code of Ethics, Opinion 8.7, gives YOU the right to use a RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION for VACCINES?! **Don't DOCTORS come into contact with the Immunocompromised a LOT MORE than do unvaccinated children?**

Herd Immunity:

The other thing I hear about a lot is this **mythical 95%** figure that is RECOMMENDED by the CDC.

It is, quite literally, **just a random GOAL**. It has NOTHING to do with SCIENCE and NOTHING to do with so-called Herd Immunity.

Every decade since the 1970s, the CDC has put forth new vaccination **GOALS**. In the 1990s, they had the "Childhood Immunization Initiative" (CII) which first set INTERIM GOALS and then the ULTIMATE GOAL of having every state at 90% Vaccine Coverage by the year 2000. ***There is no mention of herd immunity. Just a GOAL.***

This is also illustrated by then Lt. Gov. JODI RELL's Announcement from around the year 2000, that in 1998 CT led the nation in vaccination with 91% rate - the ONLY state to exceed the CDC's "Childhood Immunization Initiative's (CII) benchmark goal of 90%.

And then in 2000, HHS came out with the "Healthy People 2010" initiative, which jumped that GOAL to now every state achieving a 95% vaccination rate by the year 2010. And that is where the RECOMMENDATION has stayed ever since.

These are all GOALS and have NOTHING to do with so-called HERD IMMUNITY.

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We are here Because the Pharmaceutical Industry is funding a WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN to Remove Vaccine Exemptions.

We are up against a truly Incestuous Orgy of Greed and Self-Interest.

- PHARMA and CDC are Revolving Door (Merck's Head of Vaccines is JULIE GERBERDING, former Head of the CDC).
- Members of ACIP, the Committee responsible for the development of the ever-increasing CDC Vaccine Schedule, work for the makers of the vaccines upon which they are ruling. One, Paul Offit, owns the PATENT for the Rotavirus and consults for all major vax makers.
- The Vaccine Makers are the LARGEST CORPORATE DONORS to the AAP, giving \$ Millions of dollars each year.
- CT's now Highly Political Department of Public Health received about \$100 MILLION from the CDC *just in the last two years.*
- The one person most responsible for this effort to Remove our RE is **House Speaker Matt Ritter**, who's father – a Former CT House Speaker Himself – is now cashing in as a **PAID LOBBYIST** for Global Pharmaceutical Giant **BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM**. That Company is a partner in a W.H.O. program called the "HUMAN VACCINES PROJECT."
- The Junior Mr. Ritter is also Partner at Shipman & Goodwin and guess who one of their biggest clients is? BI.
- And then there is Liz Linehan, the Yin to Mr. Ritter's Yang in this campaign. Rather remarkably, her husband works for that very same Vaccine Maker, Boehringer Ingelheim.

I implore you to vote this bill down. Regardless of where you fall on the substantive arguments, this action just isn't necessary – at all. I can't believe that CT Democrats - the party of Civil Rights and Liberties, Choice,

and Bodily Autonomy – want their legacy to be that of Medical Tyranny and Government Control of our bodies.

Thank you.

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