

To the Public Health Committee-

I am writing to express my support for HB6423 : An Act Concerning Immunizations.

I am a mother of 2 children and a pediatrician in practice at Fair Haven Community Health Clinic and Yale University School of Medicine. In addition, I am a consulting pediatrician to a school in New Haven. Immunizations help to keep our children, their families and their teachers safe from vaccine preventable illnesses and the potentially devastating consequences of these illnesses including death. In addition, allowing families to choose a nonmedical exemption to immunization dangerously undermines the ability to keep the rates of vaccination high enough to protect those individuals who are truly unable to be immunized for medical reasons.

Please vote to eliminate the nonmedical exemption to the immunization requirement.

Sincerely,

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