I am posting my testimony in opposition to removing the current religious exemption for
vaccines in CT.

At this time there is no public health crisis and even though some of the DPH numbers were
incorrect, most schools were above the 95% needed for herd immunity anyway. Some schools
with higher numbers were small private schools whose numbers were skewed due to low
enrollment.

I feel that a person’s religious beliefs should not cause them to lose access to public schools
where there is no health crisis. Many families in CT are dual income and would not be able to
homeschool there children. This will cause financial hardship for these families.

I also don’t think it is necessary to alienate and segregate people who have different religious
beliefs. This would only take children away from sports, friends and school activities even
though there is no emergency health crisis in CT. Public school is very important and forcing
people to homeschool is not a good step in helping Connecticut’s diverse population thrive and
grow.

Sincerely,

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