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Capitol Hearing to take away Religious Exemption on Vaccinations.

I do not have anything novel to present. I just want to add my voice to the other parents here today to say I do not want to be forced to homeschool my children if we stay in Connecticut.

I believe the issue of whether to vaccinate should be in the hands of the parents. We love our kids. And we love our kids a lot more than the CDC. PARENTS should be the ones to assess the risks of getting the measles disease verses the risks of getting the measles vaccine. Personally, I think it is better to get the actual disease because then, as a parent, you can pass on the immunoglobulins to your new baby through breastfeeding and therefore protect them until their own immune system is mature enough to overcome the disease. In this case the "herd immunity" is not needed to protect infants from measles.

We feel the current vaccine schedule is too extreme. Therefore, we do not vaccinate our kids. Praise God, they are healthy and happy, and smart. I do not think it would be fair to make the public-school education unavailable to those of us who choose not to vaccinate.

From a religious standpoint, we want to take care of the body God has given us. We do not smoke, get drunk, take illicit drugs or do other severely damaging things to our bodies. The current vaccine schedule qualifies as a "very damaging thing". This is clearly shown by decades of cases, and scientific and medical studies (including one done in late 2016 at a Chinese University showing there WAS NEUROBEHAVIORAL IMPAIRMENT on adult mice that were vaccinated with Hepatitis B\*). Brain damage, autism, and death are just a few of the risks of following the current vaccine schedule. In my opinion, with my understanding, it does not honor the body our Creator God gave us to inject these toxic substances at these doses. I believe our bodies are being done more harm than good by vaccines. Please do not remove the religious exemption from Connecticut.

Thank you.

\*Neonatal hepatitis B vaccination impaired the behavior and neurogenesis of mice transiently in early adulthood Junhua Yanga,<sup>1</sup> Fangfang Qi a,<sup>1</sup> Yang Yanga, Qunfang Yuana, Juntao Zoua, Kaihua Guoa, Zhibin Yaoa,b,\* a Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, Zhongshan School of Medicine, Sun Yatsen University, PR China b Guangdong Province Key Laboratory of Brain Function and Disease, Zhongshan School of Medicine, Sun Yat-sen University, PR China