

ATTN: Committee on Children

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To Email: kidtestimony@cga.ct.gov

RE: Possible emergency bill/action to remove religious exemption

My name is Christina Boisits-O'Keefe. I am a small business owner in Connecticut; I am a Clinical Nutritionist with a master's degree in Human Nutrition; I am a mother of two precious little girls; and I am afraid. Now, this is not a word I have ever used to describe myself, but, there it is.

Connecticut. The Constitution State. The state I have lived in for over 37 years. I am in complete disbelief that I, and so many others, need to be here to defend our religious rights and beliefs. To think that the pharmaceutical companies can have such a pull across our state, and our country, fills me with such frustration and fear. Fear that these heartless corporations and those they are able to recruit into their corner, or willing to gamble our children's lives with a medical treatment that has had no safety studies, has never had an unbiased study done with a placebo, and contains ingredients like aborted fetal cells, and a long list of possible adverse reactions. I personally have five nieces and nephews, and each one of them deals with health issues that are all listed as adverse reactions, from food allergies to tourette syndrome...is this a coincidence?

There is not outbreak of disease. There is no health emergency. What there is, is a lack of compassion, a lack of moral compass, and a lack of consideration for the citizens of Connecticut by those amongst you who have chosen to attempt to remove the right to a religious exemption. Removing the religious exemption would be stripping the rights of healthy, unvaccinated children to a public education. Many of the tax paying families that would be impacted by this would not be able to afford to homeschool, and I am fairly certain a tax refund has not been considered, nor would it. This reckless action would force many to vaccinate their children against their deeply held religious beliefs. I myself can not imagine injecting my girls with tissue from aborted fetal cells, and other offensive, not to mention toxic, ingredients.

Now, keep in mind, while the children would be forced to be vaccinated in order to attend public school, there are many adults within the school systems that are unvaccinated. How many of you are up to date according to the current vaccine schedule? My educated guess would say that the answer is not many, if any, of you are. Think about that. How would it make sense to force, because that is what you would be doing, parents to vaccinate their children against their religious beliefs for the right to a public education- amid no outbreak of virus or disease?

The 764 or so cases of the measles across the United States has not created this frenzy of a "health crisis". The media has. Why have they done so? They are fueled by big pharma. Please do not let them fuel you. Matt Ritter, Liz Linehan and Josh Elliot want you to lower your ethical standards. Please support your constituents, those of us who believed in you enough to vote for you to stand and support us and uphold our rights. Today, I, all of us here, and those who could not be here, and our innocent children, desperately need you to support our religious rights, specifically, the right to a religious exemption.

Praying for us all,

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