

To: Connecticut State Legislators
RE: Removal of Religious Waiver for Vaccinations

Monday, May 13, 2019

Good Morning,

I'd like to first say thank you for taking the time today to listen to the citizens of and your constituents in the state of Connecticut.

It is a great responsibility that you have today. I do not envy your position but am confident that if we trust in and follow what you know is to be true, fair, and beneficial to all, that the best decision for the citizens of Connecticut will be the end result.

My name is Dr. Jason Jenkins. I have been a practicing Chiropractor for 19 years, but more importantly I am a father. During my school age years, the CDC recommended approximately 12 vaccinations. Today that number has soared to greater than 70.

I have here the manufacturers package inserts of over 70 different vaccinations. Included in this paperwork are the words of the makers of the vaccines for anthrax, chicken pox, Dtap, Hepatitis A & B, Hib, HPV, Influenza, Measles, Mumps, Meningococcal, Pertussis, Pneumococcal, Polio, Rotavirus, Rubella, Shingles, Tetanus, Typhoid, as well as many others. In each and EVERY manufacturer insert is a section that recognizes the fact that every one of these vaccinations has Risks, Contraindications, Warnings and Precautions, and Adverse Reactions and Limitations. I'd like to assure you that I have read each and every one of these documents from the manufacturer and I ask you, HAVE YOU?

If you have, you are aware that EVERY manufacturer admits that there are Risks accompanied by vaccination, there are warnings, precautions, contraindications and potential adverse reactions that need be recognized when consenting to have yourself or your child vaccinated. And so, while vaccines *may* offer substantial benefits, they are not free of side-effects and risks (as admitted by the makers themselves). The medical community and the pharmaceutical companies concede that serious adverse reactions and death may occur sometimes from vaccinations. It reads so right here in the own words of the manufacturer.

As such it is important that we not only consider the efficacy of the vaccine itself but the risks as well. Now I'd love to spend all my time discussing the efficacy of many of our required vaccinations but that is not why we are here today. I'd love to spend my time discussing how common myth is that the introduction of the measles vaccine in 1968 led to a significant decrease in the number of measles cases. However, if you actually review the epidemiologic studies and the what the statistical analysis proves, it's that the cases of measles were already on such a rapid decline that the introduction of the measles vaccine had no effect at all. The epidemiological evidence actually proves that the decline in measles cases was not due to the introduction of the vaccine.

But the truth of the matter today is that that is not what we are here today. We are not here to discuss the efficacy of vaccination and vaccination rates, nor herd immunity or the science behind vaccine success, or lack thereof.

That is not why we are here.

We are here today because, this agenda (pushed by a few legislators in our state who are tied to pharmaceutical companies) is part of big business. When our legislators turn into business men who will the public turn toward for legislators. This agenda violates the very essence of the Civil liberties that we are guaranteed as U.S. Citizens. Freedom of religion was such an important component of why our forefathers rebelled against tyranny that it is the 1st amendment in our Bill of Rights. That first amendment reads "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) strongly opposes state and/or federal interference in medical decisions...INCLUDING MANDATED VACCINES! The AAPS states officially in their paper dated February 26, 2019 "Statement on Federal Vaccine Mandates", After being fully informed of the risks and benefits of a medical procedure, patients have the right to reject or accept that procedure. Removing the religious waver for vaccination violates every facet of why our forefathers rebelled for freedom of any and all religious persecution.

The pharmaceutical companies acknowledge in writing; the vaccine manufacturers print on every vaccine insert that there are **RISKS, CONTRAINDICATIONS AND ADVERSE REACTIONS with each and every vaccine**. The removal of the religious exemption is unconstitutional and is a slippery slope to allowing the government to dictate what choices the people of this state and this country have regarding their body - their temple, and as to which procedures and/or medications can be mandated by the government in the future.

Our system of modern healthcare works because it is founded upon the concept of doing no harm and on the importance of informed consent. A person has a fundamental and protected right to control what happens the his or her own body. Parents have a fundamental right to the care, custody and control of their children as well as their family's medical care. NOT THE STATE.

The term religion is defined as "a pursuit or interest to which someone ascribes supreme importance." The state of Connecticut is known as the Constitution State, and the Constitution of the United States of America offers the religious freedom of its citizens.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Sincerely

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