My name is Dr. Matthew Paterna. I am respectfully writing in opposition to any bill that attempts to remove religious exemption for vaccinations.

Conventional wisdom says that vaccines are safe and effective. That's how I was raised and that's what I believed until I saw first-hand that conventional wisdom wasn't so wise.

Like cigarettes, asbestos, Vioxx and most recently opioids, CONVENTIONAL WISDOM said all were safe.

In order to get to the truth, often you have to look beyond what's generally accepted as " conventional wisdom" and start asking questions.

Before you cast your vote there are some ethical, religious and medical questions you may want to ask and answer, For YOURSELF.

(The following answers are not my opinions.)

Since 1986, have more children been injured by vaccines than by the illnesses they are intended to prevent? YES

Are they known side effects associated with these vaccines? YES

Does the CDC classify vaccines as "unavoidably unsafe"? YES

Are side effects listed on the vaccine insert and is one of those side effects death? YES

Do the number of deaths by the MMR vaccine significantly exceed the number of deaths by measles? YES

Do infants receive a hepatitis B shot at birth (day 1)? YES

Is the only way to contract Hepatitis B through blood transfusion and sexual intercourse? YES

Do vaccines contain: aluminum, Mercury, formaldehyde, glycophosphate, borax, and aborted fetal tissue cells? YES

Are ANY of these ingredients considered neurotoxins or carcinogens? YES

Has VAERS PAID over 4 Billion dollars in damages to children and family for injuries and death caused by vaccines? YES

Would this pay out be much higher if more than 1-10% of the cases were reported? YES

Do experts in the field disagree with the safety and efficacy of vaccines? YES

Have other industrialized countries decided not follow our vaccine schedule? YES

Has the vaccine schedule gone from 6 shots and 16 doses to 36 shots and 72 doses in 30 years? YES

Over the past 30 years, has there be an increase in the occurrences of: ADD, Autism, autoimmune disease, cancer, allergies, digestive issues, asthma, etc? YES

Have scientists from the CDC admitted to ignoring or altering vaccine safety data? YES

Have the manufactures of these vaccines ever been convicted of consumer fraud and paid BILLIONS in fines and damages. YES

Are there any current legal proceedings implicating vaccine manufacturers of fraud? YES

Does CT have one of the highest vaccination rates in the country? YES

Do aborted fetal tissue cells exist in vaccines? YES

Do many people of the Christian faith and other religions object to the idea of abortion? YES (and we object to aborted fetal tissue being injected into our children.)

Does the United States federal government guarantee a right to a public education? NO, BUT Connecticut does!

Would banning religiously exempt children from attending public school based on their vaccine status be considered discrimination if other non-vaccinated children with medical exemptions could attend? YES

If you can answer YES to only 1 of these questions, THERE SHOULD BE a Choice!!

The issue is we have a vaccination program that is failing thousands of people and families across our country. We have a LIABILITY FREE product with known and documented side effects, PRODUCED by an industry convicted of fraud with a history of corruption, deceit and corporate greed, OVERSEEN by government agencies that have significant financial ties to these vaccine manufacturers, DISPENSED by doctors who receive rewards for complying and condemned for questioning, PROMOTED by the media that is funded by the producers of these vaccines and PROTECTED by our government through mandates, threats and bills that remove personal freedoms and fundamental human rights.

But instead of shining the light on this corruption, the light is turned on the mothers of these damaged children, labeling them Antivaxxers, and saying that they are the problem?

Then, an emergency bill is threatened to be pushed forward, WITHOUT DUE PROCESS, because a handful of our schools are below the acceptable level for herd immunity? Meanwhile there have been only 3 confirmed cases of measles in our state and zero children's cases. There is no emergency, just manufactured hysteria!

Isn't it time to Question the conventional wisdom?

Respectfully submitted,

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