

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to ask that you please preserve the religious freedoms of the residents of Connecticut by voting NO on anything that alters or eliminates the religious freedoms of the people.

Some would have you believe there is a "health crisis" in our state that is being caused by healthy, unvaccinated children. This is silly as healthy children can not pass on a virus or illness they themselves do not have. We have had 3 cases of measles in this state this year and if you look at the CT DPH data over the past 30 years that is a steady tread. Currently, the majority of adults are also "unvaccinated" as they most likely have not had a vaccine in many years and the immunity provided by a vaccine wanes significantly over time.

Many religious people do not vaccinate with selected vaccines due to the ingredients in them, among other reasons. For example, animal byproducts are found in some vaccines and human embryo DNA are in other vaccines. It is important for them to keep their body clean and stay faithful to their God.

Please do not listen to the hysteria that is being generated in this state such that the religious freedoms of others are violated or deemed unimportant. Not all who practice various religions can afford to quit their jobs and homeschool their healthy children due to a pretend public health crisis. I fear that someday other religious freedoms will be deemed illegal and that is a scary path to take.

As a parent of young children, I fully support another parent's right to make the correct choice for the health and spiritual well being of his or her own children.

Thank you,

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