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Dear Committee Members,

I wonder why there are so many people here today? Why are there so many people all over the country and around the world coming out in droves against the threat of losing their religious freedom when it comes to vaccination? Are they delusional, uninformed, or misinformed? Are they imagining or faking the devastating vaccine injuries they or their family members have sustained? Are they just rabble-rousers without a cause? Quite the contrary! They are more well informed on the safety issues of vaccines (or lack thereof) than many physicians. And they are concerned, very concerned about losing their religious exemption. I witnessed a discussion between one of these informed advocates for vaccine safety and a public servant and the knowledge gap was quite substantial. She had her facts at the tip of her tongue and there was no disputing her arguments as they were truthful as well as disturbing. So, until there is a double blind placebo control gold standard study done, vaccinated versus un-vaccinated I will not be convinced on the complete safety of vaccines.

My husband served in our armed forces during the Vietnam war era. He told me when he reported for duty they had the draftees walk down a line to receive one vaccine after another in the upper arm with injection guns. This was in the 1960's when vaccines were still relatively new and aluminum was the preferred adjuvant. He also had a terrible reaction to a flu shot a few years ago and I was afraid he was dying. He has Parkinson's Disease now and do I think his vaccination history along with other environmental factors may have contributed? I'm not ruling it out that's for sure.

All this being said, as a Christian, the Bible tells me my body is a temple and I should treat it as such (1Corinthians 6:19-20). I also need to protect my family from harm. Since I have much trepidation concerning the safety of vaccines, the toxins and aborted fetal cells they contain, I must, as a Christian have the right to decide what goes into mine and my family's bodies. This is my right as an American under the 1st amendment and I'm sorry but my state or country cannot deny me that right. Yet, here we are today being threatened with that very scenario, my religious freedom being removed with the stroke of a pen. I am here to request of you, our duly appointed officials that you reconsider this act of restricting our religious freedom and remove this section of the proposed bill, I thank you for your consideration in this matter and hope you make your decision in favor of freedom. God Bless America.

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