

I am writing to voice my opinion and urge you to protect our religious rights and freedom in CT.

As a citizen, public school teacher and a member of the LGBT community, I believe ALL of my rights, including my religious rights, are civil rights and should be protected. I choose to live here in CT, the Constitution state, because I have always felt that my family has been protected and accepted in many ways, but I am getting very concerned that several legislators and Attorney General Tong are not considering religious beliefs important. Religious rights (ALL religious rights) are just as important as LGBTQ rights and ALL civil liberties.

There are a very small number of families that utilize a religious exemption in CT. The DPH released numbers that in many ways were inaccurate and caused so much commotion between families for no reason. There are no health emergencies and no epidemics in CT. Parents should decide what goes into their childrens' bodies AND regardless of that decision, children should have the right to attend public school.

Please support the families that have taken the time and effort to protect their children and their religious rights. Please respect the minority of families in CT that are utilizing a religious exemption.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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