

Dear Esteemed Members of the Children's Committee,

Thank you for reading my testimony asking you to support religious exemptions for vaccines. People of all faiths may disagree with vaccination based on a deeply held religious belief. It is a right that cannot be granted by the government, and therefore cannot be removed by the government. Organized religious groups, like the Catholic Church, do not expressly prohibit vaccination, but the First Amendment does not specify that it applies only to organized religious groups.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...”

According to Cornell Law School’s Legal Information Institute, “The Free Exercise Clause reserved the right of American citizens to accept any religious belief and engage in religious rituals. Free-exercise clauses of state constitutions which protected religion ‘opinion, expression of opinion, and practice were all expressly protected’ by the Free Exercise Clause. The Clause protects not just religious beliefs but action made on behalf of those beliefs. More importantly, the wording of state constitutions suggests that ‘free exercise envisions religiously compelled exemptions from at least some generally applicable laws.’ The Free Exercise Clause not only protects religious belief and expression; it also seems to call for violation of laws, as long as that violation is made for religious reasons.”

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/free_exercise_clause

As a Christian, I personally object to vaccination because I believe in God and the principles laid out in His Word and have a deeply held belief that vaccines violate them.

1. Aborted babies are used in vaccine development.

(1) At least 27 vaccines contain cells, cellular debris, protein and DNA from aborted babies, including but not limited to, Adenovirus, Polio, Dtap/Polio/HiB Combo, Hep A, Hep A/Hep B Combo, MMR, MMRV Pro Quad, Rabies, Varicella, Shingles vaccines, Ebola, HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and influenza vaccines.

(2) His Word informs us that we cannot murder, that children are recognized by God at the point of conception, are knit together by God in the womb, are blessings from God, are valued and loved, are created in His image, and their killing is condemned.

(3) It is commonly cited that just two aborted fetuses have been used in fetal cell line development, but in his testimony during a January 2018 deposition during a custody dispute, Dr. Stanley Plotkin, a world-renowned vaccine scientist was introduced as an expert witness by the plaintiff and admitted that he used the tissues of 76 fetuses in just one study he conducted at the Wistar Institute. The use of aborted babies in vaccine development is clearly more frequent than we are being told. The full 8 hour deposition may be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiNzMmNUVHukXBG7ZdFzt7A>

2. Our bodies are a temple for the Holy Spirit.

(1) Vaccines contain neurotoxins, hazardous substances, attenuated or live viruses, animal parts, foreign DNA, albumin from human blood, carcinogens, and chemical wastes that are proven harmful to the human body.

(2) His Word says “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NIV

(3) Since vaccine preparation involves the use of materials of biological origin, vaccines are subject to contamination by micro-organisms. The increasing number of target species for vaccines, the diversity of the origin of biological materials and the extremely high number of known and unknown viruses and their constant evolution represent a challenge to vaccine producers and regulatory authorities.

(4) Not only are the additives in vaccines considered contaminants from a biblical standpoint, the contaminants themselves are often contaminated. In the Bible, blood represented the life force of the human or animal. Human blood was to be kept pure under all circumstances and free of contaminants like animal parts and blood.

3. God grants parents authority over the care of their children.

(1) Just as God cares for his people, parents are instructed by God to care for their children. God has not given my children to the federal government, the state or to society. He has given them to me and my husband and we take that very seriously.

(2) His Word instructs parents to provide for their children, instruct them, correct and discipline them, teach them the Word of God and to honor the Lord as their parents do.

(3) The CDC recommended vaccine schedule for children and adults continues to expand at an alarming rate, while vaccine manufacturers are held harmless from all liability for damages (injuries and deaths) and lack of vaccine efficacy.

Removing religious exemptions and/or passing any laws that mandate vaccines violates the First Amendment of the Constitution as it prohibits the free exercise of religion. I strongly object to any laws that infringe on my God-given rights and I ask that you take this information into consideration should any laws or amendments be proposed that mandate vaccination in any way.

Sincerely,

Lorie C.