

To preface my statement, I'd like to provide a bit of context regarding my background:

I am a mother and a 10-year veteran of the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry. I have a Bachelor of Science in Developmental Biology & Human Genetics, and a Master of Science in Biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University. I have worked in every aspect of the scientific field, including academic research, government and industry. My role within the pharmaceutical industry was specifically dedicated to conducting analytical research for the purposes of marketing and making business development decisions that would yield the greatest profit for our company.

In other words, I know the science, and have experienced the ins-and-outs of the pharmaceutical industry first hand. Make no mistake about it: at the end of the day, every decision comes down to profit.

There is no emergency or health crisis here in CT. The only crisis is that our basic human right to informed consent is now in jeopardy.

Voluntary informed consent to any medical procedure is an inalienable human right, which was defined at the Doctors Trial at Nuremberg in 1947, and is protected by federal law. No human being (physician, politician or otherwise) has the right to deny another individual's right to voluntary informed consent, or to wield someone's refusal to accept medical intervention as a punishment.

The state of CT has an obligation to teach ALL of our children, unconditionally, without exception. No child can be denied the right to a public education, regardless of their religious beliefs. To force compliance with vaccination by denying this right, as this bill intends to do, would be a violation of the constitutional right to religious freedom, the basic human right to voluntary informed consent, and the right as citizens of the state of CT to attend public school.

Please uphold the state's obligation to educate all of our children, to honor our constitutional religious freedoms and basic human rights, and vote against this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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