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Subject: Opposition to eliminating state Religious Exemptions to vaccinations

Good morning Chairpersons and members of the committee. My name is Michael Wofsey, and I live in Norwalk, CT.

I am here today to express my concerns and opposition to any current and future proposals to eliminate Religious Exemptions to vaccinations.

It is my firm belief that the elimination of the religious exemption would violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution, at least five provisions of Connecticut's Constitution, and at least three Connecticut general statutes. It is my firm conviction that the Constitution State should never be a state that favors certain religious beliefs to the exclusion of others.

In parting, I would like to remind you all of your oaths of office:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God."

While acting under your oaths, there is only one conclusion that you can make in good conscience when presented with any and all future unconstitutional legislative proposals, that is to vote with an implacable "NO".

Thank you for this opportunity. I have faith that you will act under your oaths and uphold and defend the Constitution.