

Dear Committee members,

Let me start off by saying how disappointed I am at the lack of proper legislative process happening with this, I do not even have a bill to reference. In Connecticut we do NOT have a health emergency. The State would say they are fighting for those who are immunocompromised. Those who are truly immunocompromised are not able to be in school and those children who are in school are exposed to viruses and illness daily. If you look at the data from [census.gov](https://www.census.gov) there are 3.5 million people in Connecticut and only 20% are under 18 years old. There is no herd immunity. Most adults are not vaccinated or up to date. With one of the highest vaccination rates in the US we have no crisis here, 3 adults have contracted measles and recovered. End of story. Removing the Religious exemption protects no one and hurts many. Partially vaccinated or unvaccinated children do not pose a risk to others. Our children are not harboring illnesses. ANY child when sick with any illness should be kept home from school or daycare regardless of vaccine status. I am a mom concerned for my children's future. We are all here because we care about our children. The process in going about this removal is unconstitutional at best. Again there is NO health crisis, there is no reason to remove or modify our current system.

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