

Members of the Children's Committee,

I would like to share my thoughts, feelings and facts on why the Religious Exemption should NOT be eliminated.

First of all it's seldom used and there haven't been any "outbreaks" of anything. The school-by-school list of exemptions that the DPH released last Friday (and not without protest from many) was info from school years 2017-2018. No outbreaks since then. 3 people in CT had measles recently and they all recovered. What's the panic for? Measles used to be welcomed like the chicken pox.

We know that production of many vaccines involves use of aborted fetal cells. I don't condone abortion and I certainly don't want anything that has to do with it injected into my children or myself. Our bodies are temples.

Here is a link to the ingredients in vaccines from the CDC's own website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/excipient-table-2.pdf>

Some ingredients are easy to spot such as the ones with "human" right in the name; others are called MRC-5, WI-38 and RA273.

With all of this said there seems to be disrespect for religion by the ones pushing this. It's not "we care about the children" because numbers haven't changed much, no outbreaks and the percent vaccinated are well above the threshold for "herd immunity" effectiveness.

If herd immunity does work then how do you explain this?

<https://www.businessinsider.com/uss-fort-mchenry-sailors-are-still-falling-ill-in-viral-mumps-outbreak-2019-3?fbclid=IwAR0OdXDTmu0VhhyggOa3qQg6fKVg7SKHILzCHnbTJM6-O7kR3K-oMNkhfu4>

We all know that once you join the service you are government property and they vaccinate you, no choice.

Trying to eliminate the RE is religious discrimination. It's not right and there's no good reason for it.

Sincerely,

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