

Dear Committee Member,

I am deeply concerned to hear that CT is trying to remove religious exemptions for vaccines. When I was a young child, my dad was diagnosed with cancer. Unfortunately my dad, at age 44, lost his battle to cancer. He developed cancer from exposure to environmental toxins from his workplace. This was devastating to our family. As a result, I have grown to become extremely conscious of the foods and products my family uses. I have done extensive research on vaccines and have come to find out some disturbing facts that most people do not realize.

- (NCVIA) National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 removed the ability to hold vaccine manufacturers liable for vaccine injuries.
- (VAERS) Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System has paid out over \$4 billion dollars for vaccine injuries/deaths and that payout is based on an estimate that only 1% of vaccine related injuries are even reported.
- In 1983- 23 doses of vaccines were recommended/ In 2013 – 69 doses of vaccines were recommended and that number has increased since then.
- America's children are the most highly vaccinated children and yet they are the most chronically ill and disabled in the developed world.
- **CT has no current health emergency which would warrant removing religious exemptions when we have one of the highest vaccination rates in the country according to the CDC. (The DPH report, released last week, has several inaccuracies, as confirmed by multiple superintendents of schools, which have sent notes to parents pointing out those errors.)**
- Unvaccinated children can't spread a disease/infection they do not have. However, live virus vaccines (such as chicken pox, shingles, measles, mumps, rubella) go through a shedding period which can cause the exact infection you set out to prevent (Reference USS Fort McHenry: U.S. Navy warship quarantined for mumps outbreak with 100% vaccine compliance.)
- We have over 3.5 million people in CT, of that number, 2.5 million of them are adults who have waning immunity to vaccines or simply never received the vaccine to begin with yet there are no outbreaks. (Ironically lawmakers are concerned about herd immunity numbers for children in schools, but if you ran blood titers on the adult staff in the school you would most likely find immunity rates far lower and yet there are no outbreaks.)
- HB 7005 and its amendment to remove religious exemptions is discriminatory (CT General Statute section 10-15c prohibits discrimination in public schools and clearly states that a child shall have the opportunity to participate in activities, programs and studies without religious discrimination) Financially, homeschooling is not an option for most.
- **The right to opt out of any medical product or procedure must always be preserved! This is truly an example of government overreach with no warranted concern.** (Should an outbreak occur, then why can't least restrictive means be used for the specific issue rather than a blanket mandate now of all vaccines when there isn't even an outbreak in CT? Why can't blood titers proving immunity after 1 MMR vaccine be considered enough? Why should you have to inject another MMR, adding all those additional foreign substances into your body, when your blood results already prove immunity? Even those who are fully compliant will not always develop antibodies anyways.)
- Most medical doctors are only trained in how to properly administer vaccines, but rarely do they truly know the adjuvants inside the vaccines and what the potential long term side effects of the adjuvants are.
- MMR risks taken directly from the CDC website state: "With any medicine, including vaccines, there is a chance of reactions. These are usually mild and go away on their own, but serious reactions are also possible. As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a serious injury or death." Fever, long-term seizures, deafness, coma, brain damage are all listed as possible events after vaccination. How can you remove a religious exemption, with no current outbreak, when the vaccine manufacturer can't be held liable, the vaccine itself can cause the exact infection it set out to prevent and worse than that, the potential for long term effects or even death?
- **Where there is risk, there must be consent!! I strongly urge you to oppose the elimination of religious exemptions in CT.**

Thank you,  
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