

**Subject:** please oppose SB 895

Dear Senator Roblan,

Please do NOT support SB 895. Publishing a school's exemption rate creates a culture of shame and discrimination for families who, for whatever reason, made informed, consensual decisions with their doctors about vaccinations. Decisions that were probably difficult and should remain private. It sets an expectation for a public discussion of private medical information.

The current exemption rate, reported to be around 7% is inaccurate because it includes kids who needed to vaccinate on a delayed schedule due to health issues or side effects from previous vaccines, or who didn't need all the boosters and have enough titers (as measured through blood tests) to contribute to herd immunity. Discriminating against someone who is considered exempt under current reporting rules but who actually contributes to herd immunity is irresponsible and it violates their personal freedom to make informed, consensual, private medical decisions with their doctors.

Administering vaccines is a medical procedure that comes with possible risks and side effects. Decisions about administering vaccines are private and should be made between a doctor and patient, (including parents if the patient is a child) This is not information that should be shared publicly, especially if the end result is to shame people or promote discrimination. We don't publish numbers on kids in school who have HIV or Hep C, both highly contagious diseases, because it would violate their personal freedoms. Let's not violate the personal freedom of people making informed, private decisions with their doctors.

This is a very bad piece of legislation. Please oppose SB 895.

Many thanks,  
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