

Subject: oppose sb 895

I am writing to ask you to oppose senate bill 885 as well as its new amendment.

For the bill- exemption and immunization rates are already easily available. Parents already have a difficult path just in raising kids, and there are already so many things parents "war" about. We do not need to add fuel to the fire by trying to encourage shaming of those who don't vaccinate for whatever reason-- whether it be medical, personal beliefs, or religious.

Additionally, I very strongly ask that you oppose the amendment added by Senator Steiner Howard. It is extremely similar to sb 442 that was pulled just weeks ago. It further restricts parents from making medical decisions. The education module is already providing information to families and the new numbers have not come out since the module has been implemented. There is no reason to further restrict medical freedom. Attending an extra doctors appt to be counseled on vaccine could be a financial burden to many people. Additionally the bill limits which doctors are able to give the education. Parents may need to find a different doctor from the one they usually see . It can be difficult to find a doctor to sign the exemption, and I worry that doctors who do may start getting pressure to not do so. This removes informed consent.

Doctors should not be Involved in a non-non-medical exemption. Most parents who get exemptions for their children are highly educated on the matter, and the education module should suffice for the exemption.

I would love to speak to you further about this important issue of medical freedom. Please feel free to Contact Me at any time.

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