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I do not like illnesses, and it harms society when people die prematurely from preventable disease. Therefore I offer this testimony in support of SB 1598.

However, I feel this policy does not go nearly far enough. Public health policy should be tilted much more in favor of universal immunization. Any exemptions or exceptions should be tailored so as to be limited, specific, and connected to measurable, evidence-based public policy objectives for sound public health practice. There is a public interest in high population levels of immunizations to control for infectious disease dynamics to support herd immunity, especially for those who are unable to receive immunizations for medical or age reasons, or who are immunocompromised. Public policy must follow the science and sound medical practice. I hope members of this committee are able to take this up in future legislation.