

**Testimony of Christopher Isaacson**  
House Bill 49 – State Operating Budget  
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Chairman Hackett, Vice Chair Tavares, and members of the Senate Finance and Medicaid Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. I am providing this testimony in opposition to the proposed amendment by the Ohio Chapter of the AAP that would require school entry immunization exemptions based on reasons of conscience, including religion, to be signed by a physician or licensed health care provider.

As a father of a daughter who had an adverse reaction to vaccination, I strongly oppose the proposed amendment introduced by Ohio Chapter of the AAP. It is unjust and overreaching to require parents or guardians to have their vaccination exemption form reviewed and signed by a physician or licensed health care provided. Based on the current portrayal of vaccination, it is very likely the parent is well aware of the risks and dangers associated with vaccination, and does not require a meeting with a physician to review the limited information provided by the Vaccination Information Statements (VIS). The FDA document “*Cell Lines Derived from Human Tumors for Vaccine Manufacture*” states the following, which is not included, for example, on the MMR VIS:

***Small amounts of residual cell substrate DNA unavoidably occur in all viral vaccines as well as other biologics produced using cell substrates. There are several potentials ways DNA could be a risk factor. DNA can be oncogenic or infectious; in addition, it can cause insertion mutagenesis through integration into the house genome.***

Ohio Code indicates “A pupil who presents a written statement of the pupil’s parent or guardian in which the parent or guardian declines to have the pupil immunized for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, **is not required to be immunized.**” This proposed amendment is a gross overextension of judgement, and moves to limit access to a public establishment, paid for by my taxes, by allowing the health care system to influence Ohio law.

Ohio’s Constitution, Article I: Bill of Rights, Section 7 states: “§7 All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own conscience. No person shall be compelled to attend, erect, or support any place of worship, or maintain any form of worship, against his consent; and no preference shall be given, by law, to any religious society; **nor shall any interference with the rights of conscience be permitted.**”

This proposed amendment is a clear violation of our Constitutional Rights, and simply must not be considered. This proposed amendment unjustly gives the power to interpret our laws to physicians or licensed health care providers, and allows these individuals to interference with the rights of conscience, all of which is **prohibited in our Bill of Rights.**

Ohio’s Constitution, Article I: Bill of Rights, Section 21 states: “§21 (A) No federal, state, or local law or rule shall compel, directly or indirectly, any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in a health care system.” This proposed amendment would **unconstitutionally** force the participation in a health care system by requiring physicians to review and sign the vaccination exemption form, which is our legal right. This amendment forces **parents to pay** to

visit a physician or licensed health care provider to review and sign a vaccination exemption form. Regardless, the forced participation in a health care system is unconstitutional.

The Ohio Constitution and Bill of Rights have been set in place to protect the residents of Ohio. I, as a parent, am here to protect my daughter. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my reasons for opposition.

Sincerely,

Christopher Isaacson

**Resources:**

1. CDC – Vaccination Information Sheets  
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html>
2. Cell Lines Derived from Human Tumors for Vaccine Manufacture  
<https://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20170113080336/http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AdvisoryCommittees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/BloodVaccinesandOtherBiologics/VaccinesandRelatedBiologicalProductsAdvisoryCommittee/UCM319573.pdf>
3. Ohio Code 3313.671 Proof of required immunizations – exceptions.  
<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3313.671>
4. Ohio Constitution  
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/laws/ohio-constitution>