Garrick Hoffman Auburn LD 51 Hello,

I am an Auburn resident. I urge you to pass this bill to allow religious & philosophical exemptions to immunization requirements.

In 2021, a friend of mine lost her job as a nurse - one of the essential jobs that people held in reverence during the pandemic - because of her religious, personal choice to not get vaccinated against COVID-19. Religious & philosophical exemptions have \*always\* been allowed, including at universities, and not allowing so is despotic, unreasonable and forceful.

Now that we know the COVID-19 vaccines hardly reduce transmission - if they even do at all - not allowing religious & philosophical exemptions to immunization requirements is even more sinister.

Thank you for your time.