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Hello,

Meredith did not know if you were in need of more testimonies for the hearing tomorrow. Perhaps you already have someone testifying who has a story similar to mine. We certainly do not want to be redundant.

My story is very simple. Because of the waiver rule, I have been unable to send my daughter to school for the last two years. In effect she is being denied an education because in order to attend school I must sign a form that acknowledges that I am placing others at risk for lack of "proper vaccination". I am "compelled" to "say" something that I do not believe - a blatant violation of my First Amendment rights.

Furthermore, in this "free" country I can no longer decide what is best for my child. Over 200 years of history, numerous court cases and the 14th amendment guarantees that parents have the right to parent their children without government interference and that includes medical decisions. Thirdly, the state is challenging my religious freedom by requiring me to attend a waiver "educational" session designed with the intent of changing my religious convictions - another First Amendment violation. The question is not whether we need to educate parents regarding vaccination, the question is do we really believe in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and freedom? If we do, there is no place for the waiver rule in Michigan.

Thanks,
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