To the Honorable Members of the
Minnesota Senate Health and Human
Services Committee

Re: Opposition to SF 3439

It is my understanding that if SF 3439 passes, it will remove freedom of choice as to receiving an MMR vaccine. Many Minnesotans refuse the MMR vaccine due to conscientious exemptions which touch on parental rights and religious liberty. Each of those aspects are protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the Minnesota Constitution. The very fact that this bill removes Constitutional protection should be enough of a reason to dismiss it.

The MMR vaccine raises moral and religious concerns due to its historical use of aborted fetal cell lines in development. By eliminating the conscientious exemption, the bill would remove the ability for parents to make decisions for their children in alignment with deeply held ethical or religious beliefs.

With deep and sincere respect, I passionately encourage the Committee to reject SF3439. In so doing, you'll respect the U.S. Constitution and the Minnesota Constitution - both of which you swore an oath to be guided by. In addition, you'll preserve the rights of Minnesota families to make informed, moral, and faith-based healthcare decisions for their children.

Maintaining conscientious exemptions does not prevent vaccination but ensures that families retain the freedom to follow their convictions without facing legal or educational penalties.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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