Good morning, Madam Chairperson and committee. My name is Keri Schulte and I am from Becker, MN. I would first like to thank you for your service and taking your commitment to the people of Minnesota and your constitutes seriously.

I write you today in opposition of SF3439. This bill would remove conscientious exemption to the MMR vaccine requirement for all children in Minnesota. As you hear from many parents and residents, know that at the heart of any of our reasonings is the health, wellness and safety of our children.

The children we have been entrusted to protect, to teach and help grow. One of the most important things in this life, once one comes a parent is taking seriously the best interests of your child. Throughout Minnesota that might look different for different parents and families based on many factors such as:

- research they have done
- their moral stance
- their religious beliefs
- personal experiences
- medical issues or reactions they have experienced

Today I would like to focus on the idea that taking away any conscientious exemption is in direct opposition of our God given rights as parents to choose what is best for our families, whatever direction that may be. It also raises serious concerns under the First Amendment and the Minnesota Constitution. The people of Minnesota should be free to exercise freedom of religion and the right of conscience.

I feel that although this bill may be in regard to MMR vaccine, it could set a precedent for removing conscientious exemption from all other vaccines and forcing children and adults, in the future to receive vaccines that they do not wish to put in their bodies.

There are many factors why families would not want to be forced to receive a vaccine. Specifically with the MMR vaccine, a couple of those reasons include the use of aborted fetal cell lines in its development and that it is a 3-in-1 vaccine.

The use of aborted fetal cells goes against many families' religious and moral convictions, including mine. With the MMR vaccine being a 3-in-1 vaccine there is no choice for spreading vaccines out. In real life, it would be very unlikely to be exposed to these 3 diseases at the same exact time. This can be very difficult for the body to deal with, and can and has caused many to have health issues.

Thank you for your time in hearing my thoughts about my reasoning for opposing of SF3439. I hope and pray that you take my thoughts and those of other's testimonies to heart as you make your decision.

Please Oppose SF3439! Thank you, Keri Schulte