Written Testimony: OPPOSITION to SF 3439
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My name is Amanda Chandler. I am a resident of Brooklyn Park and a mother to two children ages 11yrs and 7yrs. I am writing today to offer written testimony in OPPOSITION to SF 3439.

I cannot support in any way the removal of conscientious exemptions to vaccination. Conscientious vaccination exemptions are utilized for reasons of religious, philosophical, or moral conviction. Removal of such exemptions is discrimination and has serious implications regarding personal choice and bodily autonomy. This bill raises serious concerns under the First Amendment and the Minnesota Constitution, which protect the free exercise of religion and the right of conscience.

The State of Minnesota has a strong history of standing up against discrimination of all kinds as well as supporting personal right to choice and bodily autonomy. I expect the support of those with Religious beliefs and strongly held moral or philosophical beliefs to be maintained as key values of the State of Minnesota. In addition, as the bill is written, if passed, this bill will also encompass homeschooled children. I request that the wording be changed to remove homeschooled children from any such mandate.