



NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

Reminder to RSVP for Lobby Day to Protect Vaccine Exemption Rights in MN on March 22!

Please join us to ask Minnesota legislators to OPPOSE HF 393/SF 380 Vaccine Exemption Modification bill! We need them to know we like the law as it is and that people using the exemption based on their conscientiously held beliefs should not be mandated to attend coercive "education" appointments with physicians. Your presence will help keep the opposition strong around this issue in 2016. [RSVP Here!](#) Come for an hour and visit with one legislator or stay all day and meet with several! Come to the Second Floor Plaza of the New Senate Building to meet fellow advocates and to hear from our legislative supporters, such as Representatives Cindy Pugh and Mary Franson and Senator Jim Abeler, on how to best educate the undecided about why opposing HF393/SF 380 is the right thing to do!

What we need you to do:

1. [RSVP Here.](#)

2. Call to make an appointment with your legislators for Tuesday, March 22, between 9:30-4pm. If you don't know who represents you, you can look up your personal legislators [here](#).

-Tell the office you are a constituent, that you'll be participating in a lobby day hosted by a coalition of organizations supporting MN vaccine exemption rights, and that you'd like to bring one or more additional lobby day participants with you.

-They might give you 5 minutes with the Legislative Assistant, tell you to attend a meeting set-up by another lobby day participant, or tell you to find your legislator outside of a committee meeting room at a certain time; happily take whatever they offer you (and email atatenner@gmail.com with your appointment information).

3. Show up on 3/22 to let us help you lobby your legislators and provide materials asking them to Oppose SF380/HF393, obstructing vaccine choice.

-The day will begin with introductory remarks from several leaders driving this opposition followed by a brief Lobbying 101 training, before we break into small groups. Everyone is encouraged to visit with their personal legislators and to also attend meetings with members of the House Health Committee that will be set-up by the lobby day planning committee.

Come for as long as you are able. Simply showing up makes them notice how important this issue is to Minnesota citizens and to our health freedoms overall. Children are welcome.

[RVSP here NOW!](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!!! Don't forget to invite friends and family too!

What the bill does:

SF380/HF393 eliminates the current conscientious belief exemption to vaccination for school children in Minnesota and replaces it with a new personal belief exemption that must include a statement from a physician

and must be on a form developed by the commissioner of health. **Parents will be required to schedule a visit with a physician who will give them a presentation on CDC vaccination perspectives.** This bill will make it more difficult for parents who wish to decline vaccines, use a different schedule for vaccines than the recommended one, or who wish to skip one of the vaccines, or more, to get an exemption.

Changes to SF 380 Since Introduction:

SF 380 had a hearing in the Health, Human Services and Housing Committee, and passed on a vote of 6 – 4 with one abstention. Senator Eaton, author of SF 380, offered a “Delete-all” amendment, and the new version of the bill is even worse in the following ways:

- **This bill now requires parents to write a statement of why they choose not to have their child receive a vaccine and to have that statement recorded in the child’s medical record**
- **This bill raises questions of data privacy for those parents who choose exemptions**
- **Amendments to improve parental informed consent, and protect physician independence, were rejected**
- **This bill still allows a physician to refuse to sign the certificate, which could lead to “doctor-shopping” and, therefore, increased costs and coercion for parents**
- **This bill may have negative repercussions on physicians who sign certificates for patients requesting exemptions**

Please help us keep the pressure on! Stand up for vaccine health freedom rights and show the legislators that we won’t let them restrict our rights!!! [RSVP Here.](#)



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