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Dinowitz introduces Assembly bill to end religious exemptions [Take Action!](#)

Discriminates against religious minorities

Assembly member Jeffrey Dinowitz, a democrat whose district is in the Northwest Bronx, has introduced an identical bill to S 6017, State Senator Brad Hoylmans bill that will eliminate religious exemptions to vaccine mandates. Dinowitz's bill is so new that it has not yet been issued a number.

Dinowitz is quoted today in the news site Capital New York saying about parents who choose to not to vaccinate or selective vaccinate, "they have bought into the garbage that these vaccinations can cause autism. That's a lot of crap."

Read the rest of the article [here](http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/albany/2015/07/8572964/bill-would-end-religious-exemption-vaccines): <http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/albany/2015/07/8572964/bill-would-end-religious-exemption-vaccines>.

Please click on the Take Action link above to send a message to your Assembly member stating your opposition to Dinowitz's bill.

Please give Assembly member Dinowitz a call today and let him know politely that you disagree with him.

Jeffrey Dinowitz, 718-796-5345

And please call Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie and let him know politely that you want him to oppose Dinowitz's bill.

Speaker Carl Heastie, 718-654-6539

Contrary to Dinowitz's artfully expressed assertions, for many people mandatory vaccination is a violation of their religious beliefs, a fact that New York law has recognized and respected since vaccines were made mandatory to attend school. There are Mennonite Schools in New York where no students are vaccinated. Jehovah's Witnesses believe that vaccination should be the choice of the individual. Many Christian Scientists do not vaccinate. The religious exemption rate at Waldorf schools is also very high. Many Orthodox Jews have issues with vaccination. Other religious groups, including the Roman Catholic Church, have issues with the vaccines cultured on aborted fetal tissue. New York has a long and rich tradition of religious tolerance, Senator Hoylman and Assembly member Dinowitz's bills reject this proud and wildly successful history.

New York law clearly says, however, that affiliation with a religious group is irrelevant to a person's own religious beliefs, that is for each individual to decide, but Mr. Dinowitz's and Mr. Hoylmans' bills are full-blown assaults on the First Amendment rights of New Yorkers. It appears that they both graduated from law school without considering the meaning of the first two clauses of the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Nor have either Hoylman or Dinowitz made any attempt to show how the fewer than 1% of New York students who have religious exemptions compromises public health.

These bills further weaken all New Yorkers' Constitutional rights and seek to make New York a less tolerant and less diverse place. It isn't the place of Senator Hoylman or Assembly member Dinowitz to make healthcare decisions for all New Yorkers or interfere in the longstanding beliefs of religious minorities. America was founded expressly to protect those rights. It is a pity that these two elected officials clearly do not understand that.

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