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## **Testimony: Advocating for support of HB 6423 and SB 568**

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I am writing **in support of HB 6423 and SB 568**. I am a pediatrician who provides care to patients in the north end of Hartford, an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and the President-Elect and Immunization Representative for the CT Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics- an organization with membership of over 600 pediatricians and other healthcare providers.

As pediatricians we dedicate our lives to the well-being of children. We are allies for parents and their children and are always putting the health and well-being of children first. At times we are putting their needs ahead of our own, and our own families, and we have made a commitment to our profession to do just that. We do not take any decisions we make for our patients lightly and we practice evidence-based medicine. **As physicians and scientists, we know that vaccines are safe and effective and we view immunizations as a public health issue.** We are strong advocates for preventive medicine and immunizations are one of the best methods we have to prevent diseases and their complications.