

**Position Statement in Support of Repealing Certain Religious Exemption Laws  
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The National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) joins with the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and other groups in supporting the repeal of "religious exemption laws" that may complicate criminal investigation and prosecution for abuse or neglect of children. The NAME continues to advocate objective, thorough, and professional investigation of the deaths of children to foster public health, safety, and justice.