

Dear Chairman Young and all those Concerned:

I have been a X-ray Technologist for over 25 years at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, OH. They made flu shots mandatory as a condition of employment. I received one in 2010 and 2011 against my will. I did get sick both times post flu shot. The second shot made me ill for close to 2 months. I actually missed a week of work after this Vaccine. I'm generally a healthy individual. I had a fever, bronchitis, near pneumonia, pleurisy and even ended up with gum infection. The fever started a few hours after the vaccine and it progressed from there.

2 rounds of antibiotics and I was still not improving. I ended up going to a local Herb Shop, and finally with Herbal supplements, I slowly got better.

I filed an exemption with my employer the following year. They granted it with a face mask requirement during what they consider flu season. For about 3 months out of the year I'm required to wear the mask over my mouth and nose for my entire shift in all areas of the hospital including sitting with my vaccinated co-workers. This is definitely a "Punitive" measure. It's ironic how I'm made to wear this mask, healthy, as my coworkers come to work sick all the time especially after they receive the shot, spreading germs with no requirement to wear a mask!!

Over the last 7 years they have made this shot a condition of employment, I have watched the decline of my coworker's health. All kinds of health ailments including but not limited to cancer, new food and environmental allergies, memory issues and neurological problems. It is absolutely sickening watching this happen. Most of the employees I have spoken with only take the shot without getting an exemption because they don't want to wear a mask and they are afraid of losing their jobs. If the shot was so great wouldn't health care workers be running to get their shot every year?? The bottom line is they feel forced.

This past year I was really singled out as they were going to make it so I would not be allowed to work in the ER and nursery even with the mask on. Apparently this mask would not work in these areas?? Sounds like they were trying to get rid of me. How is it surgeons have worn masks for years in the OR and that is effective? The whole mask thing is ridiculous anyway and punishing.

I pray that God will open all your eyes. After all, it's Him who we answer to someday for the injustices in the world.

Thank you for your time by reading my testimony.

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