

My name is Stephanie stock. I have been a physical therapist assistant for over 19 years. In high school my dad suffered a life-threatening reaction to a free flu shot he received. It put him in intensive care for 4 days and in the hospital several more. It nearly bankrupted my family.

For Physical Therapy Assistant school I was forced to receive the hepatitis B series as well as MMR booster vaccines. No one covered the risks with me or asked me if I had a family history of adverse reactions or autoimmune issues. I nearly passed out while crossing the street only 10 minutes after being vaccinated. I barely made it back into the nurse's desk before collapsing. When I came to, I asked what had happened to me and the nurse said I "must have been nervous." No one reported my reaction or informed me about the vaccine adverse event reporting system. No one acknowledged my reaction!

Within a few days I had transient joint pain and a significant case of torticollis (a disfiguring neck muscle condition) that took two weeks to resolve. Within the following 4 months I developed pet and seasonal allergies as well as several autoimmune skin conditions that flare up without warning. I was told that all of this was a coincidence even though prior to these vaccines I had zero issues. I continue to suffer with these conditions today. In 2008 my oldest son suffered a vaccine reaction that left him with gut problems and stomach pain as well as a speech apraxia. After 3 injuries in my family, I finally

decided I was going to take my health and my children's health into my own hands.

Now here I stand with an inability to find and keep a job because of employer flu shot mandates which neither protect me from the flu nor provide transmission protection to my patients. Multiple CDC studies as well as studies from the Cochrane Collaboration definitively show that flu vaccines provide NO significant protection against illness and have zero effect on flu transmission. The science is clear.

These employer mandates are not about patient or employee health; they are about money. Thirteen other states have flu shot exemption protection for their employees. It's time for Ohio legislators to step up and protect us. We have read the science and are happy to provide you with all of our sources. I challenge our opposition to provide the same. They can not.

The solution here is simple. Give Ohio employees the right to bodily autonomy. Let's restore the doctor-patient relationship and get employers out of the business of making our health decisions for us. Please make the ethical choice to protect Ohio workers by voting YES on HB193!!