

Dear Mr. Stein,

I am writing to you as chair of the committee that is now looking at the new bill for health freedom and choice. I would like my testimony considered at the statehouse during hearings this week. I am a 35 year RN employed by Trihealth in Cincinnati who is being put on unpaid administrative leave Nov 1st because of my decision to abstain from the covid vaccine. I declined an exemption as well because I feel it is discrimination to mandate unvaccinated employees to undergo weekly nasal swab testing but not the vaccinated..as it has been proven that both still carry and transmit the virus. This choice is predicated on my personal belief that as a healthy individual I desire more time to allow this vaccine to be tested and that I believe in my own immunity to protect me. This is a God given right to bodily autonomy and my livelihood and career should not be in jeopardy because of it. I took a furlough in the beginning of the pandemic to assist staffing needs..then was willing to deploy to covid units if need be to help...now termination is my reward because of my belief in medical freedom. Please safeguard our freedoms by insisting we have medical choice on this and any future vaccine or medication deemed "mandatory" by the federal government.

Thank you,

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