

I am FOR the VACCINE CHOICE AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT for the following reasons:

1. A Vaccine mandate would be in violation of my civil and constitutional rights as an American citizen and life-long resident of the State of Ohio.
2. Because I will not give my informed consent, the mandate also violates the very tenants upon which the HIPAA legislation was built and put into law. I believe individuals should be able to CHOOSE to accept the vaccine or not without any repercussions.
3. In addition to the violation of rights that a vaccine mandate would usher in, for me to be in the untenable position where I felt forced to have this substance injected into my body in order to keep my job would place me at a higher health risk because of my pre-existing medical conditions.
4. A vaccine mandate would also usurp my Physician's letter written to my employer requesting my exemption from the Covid vaccines because of her concerns about autoimmune side effects from its ingredients.
5. Further, my doctor stated that there are components in the vaccines that are contraindicated with the medications I take. There has not been enough testing done to be able to clinically calculate what the full effect of those side effects might be nor what the prescribed antidote should be in the event of a reaction.
6. In addition to the violation of my protected health rights, there are other possible outcomes associated with the mandate that would impose collateral (financial) damage to me and my wife from which we would never be able to recover should I lose my job. For one thing, it is highly unlikely that I would be able to find employment that would be a lateral move income-wise. And if the vaccine was mandated across the board, impossible to find a job with another company and not be fighting the same battle there!

I am 62 ½ years old and have been employed by my company for 35+ years. I have only 4 years and 10 months until I can retire and receive my full Social Security benefit. If I were to lose my job because I refused the vaccine, the economic ramifications for me and my wife, who is older than I and on social security, would be catastrophic. It would make even the purchase of our medications impossible because I could not afford to pay privately for health insurance, nor could I afford the \$1,850+ a month were I to have to pay for our medications out of pocket.

7. There is a moral aspect to the mandate as well that should be mentioned since the mandated requirement imposed upon me would be in violation of my God-given free will by forcing me to take an unwanted medical treatment. I have a question for you: if a woman has the right under law to abort a fetus, thereby removing it **from** her body, how can we have a medical mandate that refuses me the right to have an unknown and unproven substance injected **into** my body? This makes no sense to me.

I thank you for this opportunity to express my desire to see our state enact a fair and non-discriminatory policy regarding an individual's medical freedom of choice and I thank you for your time and consideration of my views regarding this important legislation language.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Ketring

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Ketring". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T' and 'K'.