

WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR HB 319

I am a retired Nurse Practitioner who was in the medical field for 45 years. People have the right to accept or deny any treatment or care we could provide them. There was never discrimination before for the refusal of treatment or care, until the Covid crisis occurred. The right to hold a job, have a surgery or other lifesaving treatments, see a physician, enter a public place, maintaining one's medical license, being able to move about in society and the community, and not being shamed or other discrimination for this refusal, needs to be protected! Additionally, I know people who had a severe medical adverse reaction to the initial Covid Vaccine and their job was threatened because they wouldn't get the second dose! Even with a physician's note of the medical harm from the first one, this person endured horrible discrimination from her employer!

Please protect the public by passing HB 319 to stop these occurrences from happening again!

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