



NVIC Position Statement in Support of HB 73

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Hello. My name is Dawn Richardson. I am offering this written testimony in support of HB 73 as the director of advocacy for the nonprofit National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) founded in 1982..

Doctors are under attack for speaking up about disease treatment options and vaccine risks. Some have even had their license suspended because they dared to question the COVID-19 narrative on medications and vaccines. The passage of HB 73 is necessary because it will STOP the state licensing boards from coming after medical professionals who speak publicly or to their patients about disease treatment options and vaccination risks. A patient cannot exercise fully informed consent if healthcare providers are unable to express their concerns about vaccine risks because they face the risk of retaliation against their professional licenses or reputations.

Doctors have been punished for expressing concerns about vaccine risks, but it turns out, they are correct and the state licensing board has been wrong. Brave physicians willing to speak what they are seeing in their patients protects lives and can be lifesaving information that we all should have available to us when making informed vaccination decisions. As of May 1, 2024, The United States Government has paid out more than [\\$5.22 billion dollars to vaccine victims](#) through the [National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program \(VICP\)](#). As of April 26, 2024, there were [47,847 deaths](#) and [2,602,082 adverse events](#) reported to the US government's Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System. Clearly, there are dangers associated with vaccines that should not be ignored and doctors should not be punished for providing us with this information.

To learn more, you can [read or watch NVIC co-founder and president Barbara Loe Fisher discuss vaccine risk censorship](#) in her February 26, 2024, testimony at US Senator Ron Johnson's "[Federal Health Agencies and the COVID Cartel: What are They Hiding?](#)" roundtable.

NVIC is also in strong support of language added in the substitute version of HB 73 to prohibit the World Health Organization jurisdiction in the state of Ohio.

The WHO will vote at the end of May of 2024 on amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) to greatly expand its authority during pandemics. The WHO wants to be able to require vaccines, tracking, medical exams, and censor public speech about risky research, vaccines, lockdowns, and quarantines.

It's hard to imagine that International Health Regulations adopted by the World Health Organization (WHO) could so negatively compromise our personal rights in our own hometowns and states here in the United States of America, but that is exactly the threat we are facing for all states who don't take action now. The clock is ticking, and the current administration is alarmingly in solid support of these proposed health regulations where our nation would give up our sovereignty.

The passage of HB 73 is a critical step towards protecting Ohio residents from harmful intrusive interference and mandates from the WHO and our own executive branch.

To learn more about the impending threats from the WHO, please read and watch NVIC co-founder and president Barbara Loe Fisher's referenced public rallying call, "[Stop the World Health Organization Power Grab to Mandate Vaccines & Censor Free Speech](#)."

Many states are considering similar action.

The Louisiana House and Senate have both convincingly passed [SB 133](#) which goes even further in that it prohibits the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations (UN), and the World Economic Forum (WEF) from having any jurisdiction in the state of Louisiana. This bill also prohibits the state or any political subdivision of the state from enforcing or implementing any rule, regulation, tax, policy, or mandate of the WHO, UN, or WEF. They are awaiting final concurrence of an amendment that would make the bill go into effect immediately.

The Oklahoma legislature is awaiting a final conference committee to work out the details of a bill, [SB 426](#), amended to prohibit the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations (UN), and World Economic Forum (WEF) from having any jurisdiction in Oklahoma. This includes the enforcement or collaboration of mandates, recommendations, or guidance regarding vaccines, testing, masking, and the collection of data.

For the 2023-2034 legislative cycle, there have also been bills filed in Alabama, Iowa, Idaho, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Wyoming, and in the United States Congress. These are listed on <http://NVICAdvocacy.org>. This is not a fad, it is a necessary revolution.

Thank you. Please support and pass HB 73.