

My name is Tammy Goetsch I was born and raised in a suburb south of Cleveland. I moved out of Ohio for a few years for a job but was able to move back to Ohio in 2017 after years of looking for a job.

As you all know this bill is a freedom bill. We Americans owe much of our Freedom to our ancestors for creating the three documents of freedom. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Meriam Webster dictionary defines Freedom as quality or state of being Free: Such as the absence of necessity, coercion or constraint in choice or action.

I listened to the hearing from last Tuesday repeatedly and one thing kept grabbing my attention and that was, why are we stating that one person's freedom is more important than another's?

According to the Ohio Department of Health's website data pulled from Saturday 5/22/21 the survival rate of Coronavirus in Ohio is 98.20%. According to the Pharmaceutical websites the effective rates of the shot are 94-95% effective.

If a person has exercised their freedom to get the vaccine, that is 94-95% effective from a virus and has a 98,2% survival rate, what rights are we trampling on? Aren't they considered protected? Why should they be in fear to be around an unvaccinated person if those are the numbers? This seems to be a very large piece of information that is getting ignored or overlooked.

In life before Covid if a loved one, neighbor or fellow worker was going through chemo or had an auto immune disease, they didn't ask everyone around them to wear a mask, they did. Why should that change?

Mandating the vaccine or requiring a vaccine passport or the like is a direct violation of our human rights. Basic Human rights are about living a life free from fear, harassment, or discrimination. For the last year we have been repeatedly bombarded with messages of fear and because of that people are terrified to go out and terrified to be around others.

The harassment grows as employers are instilling fear into their employees that if they don't get the vaccine, they risk losing their job. Colleges are mandating the students get the vaccine and those that don't will be subjected to weekly testing.

Segregation has begun again; did we not learn anything from our past? We all are familiar with the signs from the past....Whites enter in the front... blacks enter in the rear. We had water fountains for whites and a separate one for the blacks. Now we have sections for vaccinated and another for the unvaccinated. There were even discounted tickets for events for those that could prove they were vaccinated. Some states have even gone as far as discriminating against people who have not had the vaccine from attending public events.

The decision I make for my body is my choice and my business only. No one has the right to ask me about my health decisions. No one should be discriminated against because they have exercised their freedom not to receive the vaccine. No one should be required to carry a digital tattoo of their vaccine status to move about freely. Once again, we are repeating history.

If this bill does not pass, I will be living in fear of being discriminated against by others for exercising my freedom to not receive the vaccine.

If it does not pass, where will it end and how many more rights will be taken from us?

