

To whom it may concern:

I wanted to reach out about **House Bill 248 | Enact Vaccine Choice & Anti-Discrimination Act.**

As an active citizen of this great country, it's extremely frightening and disappointing we even need to pass bills like these to protect basic civil liberties like medical freedom and healthcare privacy. But unfortunately, we are living in a world where freedoms are under attack and the rare few who are continuing the fight for basic freedoms like these are to be supported and commended. I know it is not an easy road.

As we see companies like United airlines offer higher pay incentives only to vaccinated employees, or other companies firing people who choose not to receive the latest vaccine – it's a slippery slope to further blur the lines and aide in creating a culture of modern, medical segregation. The CDC has reported that less than 30% of the black community will receive the COVID 19 vaccine, therefore specifically making this type of “new and acceptable” segregation even more shocking. Have we fought so long and hard for equal justice and opportunity, just to snatch it all away in the name of “science” and “health care”? Let's not be so naïve.

There will likely always be a new virus, or disease, or difficult flu season to fuss with – we live in a very toxic world – we cannot expect people to get medications they don't want, or feel they need, every single time a new “threat” emerges either domestically or globally. WE are all adults. We all have access to the same information and opportunity to medications, vaccines, holistic care and may other options – it's up to every individual to decide what course they feel safest taking. Please protect that.

These new vaccines are still in an experimental stage; our citizens are actively part of a mass human trial. The VAER's report is one proof of the “science” behind these drug trials and the risks involved. We are seeing multiple investigations here and across the globe, looking into vaccine related deaths and extreme side effects. Bell's Palsy, heart inflammation, Guillain-Barré syndrome, nerve damage, acute cold and flu symptoms, miscarriages, and cardiac arrest are among the many real reports surrounding post-vaccine effects.

I am not a covid denier or an anti-vaxxer, but I do have a problem being a guinea pig for Big Pharma and face discrimination for choosing not to take part. We are seeing unprecedented discrimination across the globe, being aimed at those who have chosen not to take this vaccine; a vaccine for a virus with over a 98% recovery rate for all ages. We are seeing New York City adopt a vaccine passport, just to experience the city like a normal person. Are we really going to allow that? Have we not learned from history? When has having to “show your papers” been part of a successful, free society?

Please protect our freedoms. Ensure vaccines and health care decisions are personal and don't affect your ability to work, travel, shop, enjoy a movie or work out at a gym.

Thank you,

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