

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a pharmacist in a large local hospital, a mother of 2 young children, a wife, a daughter and much more. Not a number that corporate wants to vaccinate. I am not anti-vaccines. Both myself, my husband and my two children have been fully vaccinated according to the CDC vaccine schedule. But this new vaccine is different. It has not been proved safe and effective. Other vaccine side effects are MILD (sore arm, slight fever, headache). The reported side effects of this COVID-19 vaccine are not even in the same caliber (blood clots, tremors, death) and in young healthy people.

My employer has asked if I will be receiving the vaccine and I should not have to tell them my reason not to receive it; That I am not done having children yet and that this vaccine has not been tested on pregnant women or what affects it would have on my fertility. It is no one's business why or why not I choose to get a medication. Just like I would never ask my employer if they have HIV/AIDS or a mental health disease. Its personal medication information that is no ones business. Receiving or not receiving this vaccine will not affect how I do my job, which is really all my employer should be concerned about.

As mentioned previously, I am a mother of 2 young children (both under 4 years old). Along with my husband's income, my income is needed to support us monthly. If I were to lose my job we would no longer be able to live in our current house we have worked so hard to make a home for our family. Finding another position would be extremely difficult when they ask why I left my previous job, "FIRED/TERMINATED" would be a huge red flag, all because I chose to not receive a vaccine that I PERSONALLY did not feel safe injecting into my body. We do not see any employers hounding overweight employees to lose weight or take weight lose medication. It is because what you do with your own body and how you treat it is your own decision, not the one of the government or employer or daycare or school.

I am in support of the H.B. 248 bill. Your medical history and any future medical treatment is your own individual right and privacy.

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