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To whom it may concern,

We have been married for almost 36 years. We are the parents of 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren. All of our children, grandchildren and ourselves have received the traditional, exhaustively tested, approved vaccines to prevent diseases. Since the pandemic began we have had 11 family members suffer from the Covid 19 virus. None of them were hospitalized or required medical treatment other than over the counter medications to treat symptoms. They isolated and recovered at home. Chris' mother who was 83 years old at the time and in a nursing home survived as well with no hospitalization, even though she was immune compromised from stage 4 COPD. We are thankful that our family members were healthy enough to fight this virus - they are now stronger for it.

The vaccines do not prevent the spread of COVID 19. Those vaccinated are still carriers and can contract COVID 19 from someone who has or has not been vaccinated. The case fatality ratio -- or the portion of known cases that result in death in the country -- is 1.8%. In other words, on average, 98.2% of known COVID-19 patients in the U.S. survive. Because the true number of infections is much larger than just the documented cases, the actual survival rate of all COVID-19 infections is even higher than 98.2%. We see no point in getting the experimental, investigational vaccine due to these scientific facts. We believe this is a personal, private decision made between the individual and their doctor. The decision is important and should not be mandated by any government office or employer. We have been advised by our doctor not to get the experimental vaccine since we are healthy, have no compromising conditions, exercise, have great nutrition and sleeping habits.

We are currently witnessing the negative affects of vaccine mandates on our family. The coercion and ruthlessness that employers are coming down on their employees who for years have been under the belief that they have personal liberties and rights (HEPA) to determine what is in their own best medical interest without threat to their livelihood, schooling, or freedom of movement has been staggering emotionally and physically within our family. To find out that unless you receive an experimental, investigational vaccine you are going to lose your career, possibly your ability to find a job and the ability to take care of your family is soul shaking to say the least. And for a virus that is more than 98.2% survivable.

We are also fearful that the vaccine mandates and passports will inevitably create a class system similar to the "whites only" era of this country as well as social credit score which will cause

immeasurable suffering to those who become unemployed, lose housing and more. Our states economic status will change dramatically as unemployment rises and tax revenues drop. All for a virus that is more than 98.2% survivable.

We hope that you will trust your constituents to make the correct decisions for themselves and their families as more information and data is collected on this new type of experimental vaccine. Please vote for Vaccine Choice.

Thank you,

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Link to facts referred to:

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/05/health/us-coronavirus-thursday/index.html>

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