I am for Americans rights to maintain a choice of what they put into their bodies. As an occupational therapist I have worked with COVID patients in the hospital setting. Last year when there was little to no protection available for us we worked with patients, mobilizing them and helping them to move again. I have aided in their rehab. I have had COVID myself. I continue to have prolonged deficits in smell and it has been almost a year now.

I also have worked alongside men and women who have developed serious side effects from the vaccine. I do not trust it. I know co-workers and their children who have developed sudden onset paralysis, blindness, and heart inflammation because of the vaccine. In our history, slightly more than 4,000 people have passed from all the total existing vaccinations (not counting the COVID vaccine). In one year's time, the deaths from the COVID vaccine have been equal to or greater than all the previous vaccine related deaths. We are divided in the medical field because this is not a safe or refined method of helping our communities.

I honestly don't understand why an uncontrolled, non FDA approved vaccine would even be considered. Why would my coworkers be forced to undergo an experiment against our will? That is what this is. It is an experimental technique with unknown long term effects. Even if and when the FDA approves this "vaccine" it will be without the benefits of time and science to ensure safety for human use.

I am an American and I do not recognize our nation's blatant disrespect for a person's rights. This is not a normal vaccine that we can compare to the vaccines for measles or chicken pox. This is a totally different mechanism of delivery and as in the animal trials before it; it will have lasting consequences I do not wish to partake in. I have never felt like my America was at risk for becoming a socialist nation until this last year. I have grown up believing in the ideals of freedom. It saddens me that we are so quickly giving them up.