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To: Labor & Industry Committee
Subject: Labor and Industry Committee Hearing: February 25, 2021

Dear Labor and Industry committee,

Please support HB262, The right to refuse act. My bodily autonomy is important to me as well as informed consent.

HB262 needs to be passed to prevent employees from losing their employment or being discriminated against for refusing to take a vaccine. People shouldn't be backed into a corner to have to choose between providing for their family and taking a vaccine. I own a child care center and do not want to be forced by Department of Human Services to take a vaccine that I do not wish to take or to force my employees.

Additionally, informed consent is important to me. As of 2/12/21, there have already been 15,923 COVID-19 Vaccine adverse events and 929 COVID-19 Vaccine deaths reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System. Some short-term and all long-term risks of new COVID-19 vaccines are still unknown. Each individual should be able to weigh the risks and benefits with all information. Not just the information presented by companies profiting by millions. All vaccines carry the risk of injury or death so there has to be informed consent and the right to refuse any vaccine without penalty. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program had paid out over \$4.5 billion in damages.

Lastly People injured by a COVID-19 vaccine have little recourse. Vaccine manufactures and providers are shielded from liability through the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act, or PREP Act. This federal law establishes that the only option for compensation for COVID-19 vaccine victims is the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP). Only eight percent of all petitioners since 2010 have been awarded compensation through the CICP. There is a one-year statute of limitations to file a claim. No legal or medical expert fees are covered, no pain and suffering is awarded, lost wages are capped at \$50,000, and there is no judicial appeal.

Please support HB262. It is the first step in preserving Pennsylvanian's rights as Americans to make decisions about what is best for their bodies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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