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User Message: Dear Representative Cox,

RE: Labor and Industry Committee Hearing: February 25, 2021

Please support HB262, THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ACT.

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.

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.

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.

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. There are most likely many more deaths associated with the vaccine, but some medical examiners are not performing autopsies to determine if the vaccine was the issue.

In the absence of a protective state law like HB262, there are no state or federal employee protection exceptions to employee vaccine mandates for all vaccines for reasons of conscience objections to all the vaccines being given to adults.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission affirms the legal right of an employer to exclude the employee from the workplace even if an employee cannot get vaccinated for COVID-19 because of a disability or sincerely held religious belief and there is no reasonable accommodation possible. The state will have to step in and protect employees' right to delay or refuse vaccines.

While the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) allows employees to decline Hepatitis B Vaccines, and OSHA and many labor unions have expressed opposition to annual influenza vaccination policies that do not include religious and/or personal objection exemptions, there are far too many gaps in protection for employees to refuse vaccines for work. We have family members that are required to get the annual influenza vaccine and it makes them sick every year.

It would be more beneficial to the people if recommendations were given to eat real food, exercise, go outside for fresh air, etc.

Thanks for reviewing my statement,
Nancy Martin

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