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For SB 7

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Tonya Benson
Self
Fredericksburg, TX

I am in support of a ban on employers mandating the Covid vax. There should never be a mandate or requirement for this or any other vaccine or injection.

Vicki Adams
Pct 1057 Ellis county chair
Midlothian, TX

Pass this bill without any possible point of order. This is a battle of good and evil and I pray Texas has the fear of the Lord with each and every one of our leaders and not the fear of man.

Porshea Croft
Self
Montgomery, TX

To force ANYONE to take a vaccine to retain employment is unconstitutional PERIOD, so this is a start.

Sheffield Gumbs
Self. A Man
NORTHLAKE, TX

Please quickly pass SB 7, to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates!

Sheryl Hazelwood
Self - Retired
Tyler, TX

I support HB 7. Employers (private or public) should not require vaccines or any other medication as a requirement for employment. We have HIPPA regulations and this is a clear violation of personal privacy!

Carol Marak

Self

Dallas, TX

Dear Representative,

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. The mandates have put me, friends and family under severe constraints.

Thank you, Carol Marak

Bruce Magill, Dr

Self

Lantana, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

John Day, Dr.

Self, Physician (MD)

Austin, TX

Please move to outlaw any mandatory vaccinations in Texas, which inherently violate the right to bodily autonomy. I was fired from my MD position in October 2021 (after 18 total years) for refusing mandatory COVID-19 vaccination on the moral grounds that an underclass was being created, and that I needed to stand openly in that underclass as my civic duty. A "conscience exemption", for which I did not apply, would have failed to make the point of the immorality, like WW-2 Germany, of creating an underclass of people without basic human rights.

Marisol Corrales

Self

Hart, TX

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to ask you to please pass Sb7 out of committee to prohibit private employers from adopting or enforcing certain COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Thank you, Marisol Corrales

Charlene Reagan

Self and True Texas Project

SPICEWOOD, TX

It is critical to prohibit private employers from mandating COVID-19 and other new vaccines. The bill should NOT be limited to COVID-19, but should be expanded to prohibit employers from mandating any vaccine.

Jeff Brantley

Self

Austin, TX

Hello and Good Day!

I am writing to ask you to quickly vote and move this bill along to prohibit private vaccine mandates (of any kind actually) but certainly those for COVID. These are harmful and not needed for the vast majority of people. BUT it should always be the person's CHOICE whether or not to take a shot and there should be no private company discrimination on this issue where people are be mandated to take this shot.

Please pass this bill through committee.

Thank you!

Jeff Brantley

Claire Parker

Self

Round Rock, TX

We have seen that the iterations of this vaccine do not work, they do not keep people from getting sick or spreading COVID. Please protect your citizens' rights to choose whether or not they want an unproven medical procedure, do not leave it in the hands of their employers.

Nancy Eddy, Mrs

Self

Katy, TX

I urge you to support SB7 and stop the tyrannical overreach of government and business into the private and personal health decisions of the free people of Texas.

Cynthia Grubb, Mrs

Family / self employed

Dallas, TX

WE Want THIS BILL to Pass and to make the penalties for adopting or enforcing certain covid mandates a CRIME. PERIOD.

Charles Walters

Self

Georgetown, TX

No one should be forced or required to receive any vaccine. This is a personal choice that should be made by each individual or parent of a child. A vaccine mandate should be illegal in a democratic country or society. Vote YES on SB 7.

William Parlett, Mr

Self

Bowie, TX

Texans should never be forced to or mandated to follow how the choose to treat themselves in regards to vaccines, types of treatments or methods. Governments job is to protect our freedoms, borders, and citizens. Not pass legislation that mandates how to take care of my family. God supplies all my needs.

Karen Sinclair
Citizen of Texas - psychologist
Missouri City, TX

Please stop the stall and vote to block employers from mandating any Vaccine or medical requirement. Give your constituents the right to control medical care. I am praying for you all to re-examine why the taxpayer works to put you there. Stop the stall and vote.

Jennifer Mobbs
Self
Tyler, TX

Prohibiting Private Employers from Mandating ANY, I repeat ANY Vaccines. Whether they call it Covid19 or ANY other name absolutely MUST be prohibited! Private or Federal Employers should not have right to demand or force people to take a vaccine in order to work. We must stop this now. We have seen businesses and families absolutely destroyed over this. The financial loss is still being felt 3 years later. Texas cannot adopt any enforcement relating to vaccine mandates. THERE MUST BE A PENALTY for any Business that tries to mandate this. Without a Harsh and Strong PENALTY it means nothing. Can we count on our Elected Officials?

Katelyn Nieboer
Self
Eules, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. I have family members who developed serious medical conditions after receiving previous doses of the vaccine. This means it is not suitable for every person to have this injection and must be only taken by CHOICE.

Thank you,
Katelyn Nieboer

Mindy Phillips
Self
Prosper, TX

I would like to plead with you to pass this bill, ASAP. If I need to go door to door getting more support, I will. This is what we moved to Texas for, so we could maintain our health choices and still make a living for our family of 5. In our previous state they were pressuring force. My sister received the covid shot while pregnant, and her baby was born with cancer. A newborn had chemo, and has had it again since. It's horrific. I've already had Bells Palsy, years ago, and the drs told me if I get it again, it's likely to be permanent. It is a known side effect of the covid shot. I've had covid—it was no big deal, but face disfigurement for the rest of my life would be a big deal. My children have had covid and kids are low risk. I do NOT want them having the shot! Yet my husband's work didn't stop at saying he needed the shot, they were saying the entire family had to, for both health insurance and continued employment. That is INSANE! We haven't felt that same threat level since moving to Texas, but if you don't pass this bill then it could be coming. We want to keep our hearts functioning without problems. We want to live without strokes (which run in my family so we'd be at higher risk for if forced to get this shot against our will). Health choices should NEVER be in the hands of employers. This is a personal decision between us, God, and our drs. If a covid shot can be required by employers, what's next? And are all people with STDs, AIDS, etc going to be forced to disclose their diagnosis if I have to say if I've had a covid shot? All of this is a gross intrusion to privacy and private health decisions. Please move this out of committee ASAP and vote it into law.

Rekha Lakshmanan
The Immunization Partnership
Houston, TX

The Immunization Partnership wishes to express concerns about SB 7. Our intent is not to argue the merits of the COVID-19 vaccine but focus on private businesses having the ability to determine the most appropriate health and wellness policies for their business which may or may not include immunizations. It is our position that businesses should have the ability to choose and make informed decisions about their operations, including vaccination requirements they deem appropriate to support the safety and well-being of their employees, customers, and the community at large. By allowing businesses to make health and wellness policy decisions based on their unique circumstances and the best interests of their employees and customers, we are promoting a resilient economy and a faster recovery from economic hardships brought on by the pandemic. Allowing the flexibility for businesses to set vaccination requirements enhances consumer choice and transparency. When businesses can communicate their safety measures clearly to the public, consumers are empowered to make informed decisions about where they shop, dine, and receive services. Our concerns about SB 7 focus on three themes:

1. SB 7 challenges Right-to-Work laws in Texas. This proposal puts the government in the middle of business. Prohibiting vaccines interferes with the business of business – similar to mandatory minimum wages, mandatory water breaks, and mandatory health insurance and other benefits. 2. SB 7 opens the door to new liability exposure for businesses. The potential for and dire unintended consequences of frivolous lawsuits against employers are very real. Government should support businesses, not open them up to litigation. 3. SB 7 undermines decades of proven best practices for stopping and reducing the spread of infectious disease. This legislation is anti-business and anti-public health. It restricts the rights of employers and small businesses to protect their employees, customers, and their own economic stability and success from disease outbreaks. Employers have the right to maintain a healthy workplace and workers and customers have a right to engage with that business or not. Employers setting vaccination policies for their businesses is not a new or unheard practice. While SB 7 is focused on the Covid-19 vaccine and private business, this legislation has broader implications than just those of private employers. What happens in the business sector radiates into Texas communities. People with disabilities and the elderly bear the burden of infections from COVID-19. Rural communities are already medically underserved and SB 7 could deepen that crisis. Texas can protect the public's health and respect individual liberties without getting in the way of business doing business. Overcorrecting legislation often has unintended negative consequences for the people and economy of Texas. The legislature must take a measured approach to finding long term solutions.

Paul Gregory, Mr
Self
Magnolia, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

My wife had worked for almost 26 years as a nurse. When the pandemic was first perpetrated on us she took care of patients with "Covid" and was touted as a Hero by the hospital. But I guess that wasn't good enough. When the EUA Jab was unrolled without the proper testing and in violation of the fact that other treatments were available, she was MANDATED to put this poison in her body or to be FIRED.

Thankfully, She chose life.

Troy Paul
self
Keller, TX

Dear Representative

I would like to encourage you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you, Troy Paul

Jami Owen
Self
Rockwall, TX

We need research into detoxing the spike protein from our systems.

April Hacker
Self
Angleton, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,
April Hacker

Juan Rodriguez
Hispanics Against Socialism
Wylie, TX

Dear Representative...

I'm writing to you to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,
Juan Rodriguez

Kristin Mahrer
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am contacting you today for your support to quickly pass SB 7 out of the committee to prohibit employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

We are in desperate need of your support for legislation to prevent unfair, inhumane, and discriminatory work practices against Texas employees. Studies have shown natural immunity to be at least as robust as vaccine-induced immunity, such as the SARS-CoV-2 Immunity and Reinfection Evaluation (SIREN) study as reported by The Lancet, in its April 17, 2021 report (volume 397). Allowing Texas employers to discriminate against unvaccinated employees is against the science and is just plain wrong.

I am an employee of a Texas-based Fortune 50 company identified as “essential infrastructure”. As an essential worker, I proudly carried my letter to the national guard asking for permission that I may report to work despite unknown risks imposed by the pandemic. Since recovering from COVID infection in the early days of 2020, I have not had a single illness-related absence as of the time I am writing this letter. I have just made my own personal decision to not get vaccinated because I’ve already had the disease and have natural immunity.

Now that several of my colleagues have been coerced into accepting vaccination, I find myself isolated. I have been publicly identified as “unvaccinated” and am subjected to unfair and discriminatory practices. Our human resources department circulates a list of unvaccinated employees each week to our management team. Fellow employees are encouraged to report noncompliance. I am required to test weekly and must wear a mask at all times. The vaccinated, by contrast, are not required to test weekly and rarely, if ever, wear a mask. Effectively the mask has become my scarlet letter, identifying to colleagues and management that it is okay to treat me different, despite perfect health and attendance. Further, I am restricted from participating in critical work functions such as meeting with clients or using facilities like our fitness center and cafeteria. When questioning if I will be retaliated against, my company’s response is that being unvaccinated is not a “protected class”.

Are we moving backwards in history? It is appalling that we seem to have forgotten about the civil rights movement and the ills of discriminating against people who are different than us or decide to make their own personal medical decisions. It is absurd not to recognize natural immunity, because that is the science, and it is outrageous not to let people make their own medical decisions. My top performance and several years invested in my company is now meaningless as I count down the days until a hard mandate renders me unemployable. Please help protect the many healthy and hard-working Texans who simply want to carry on with their work so that they can support their families and communities.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note. Please help us make the unvaccinated a protected class in Texas.

Betsy Rodriguez
Self
Wylie, TX

Dear Representative...

I’m writing to you to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,
Betsy Rodriguez

Janice Carson
Self
Rockwall, TX

I support Covid vaccine choice!!

Beverly Skinner-Wells
bwellsono@gmail.com
Hideaway, TX

Please NO mandatory vaccines. I just had a reaction with a required flu vaccines. I missed work had hives and required treatment. I do not trust the integrity of the FDA and our governments ability to provide safe vaccines. I am a health care worker 3e years!

Sean Jurica
self / retired
Bryan, TX

Good morning fellow Texans,
Today, I ask to vote to prohibit vaccine mandates.
thanks!

Yane Di Nicola
My family and self
Burlson, TX

Dear Representative
I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

No one should be obligate to take anything against its will specially when they are a healthy human being.

Thank you,

Jeffrey Barch
self/Respiratory Therapist
Paradise, TX

I am contacting you to urge you to pass SB 7. As a licensed healthcare provider in Texas I understand that we must do all we can to protect ourselves and the patients for whom we provide care. However, employers mandating we take a vaccine (Covid 19) which has not been properly tested (and is, in every sense of the word, experimental) in order to keep our job is unsafe for us as healthcare providers. As you are already aware we are experiencing a healthcare worker shortage nation-wide and Texas is not immune to this crisis. Forcing us to take a vaccine which we know may be harmful to our health will only make that healthcare worker shortage worse. As healthcare providers we know how to do our own research on treatment efficacy, medication side effects, and vaccine safety and effectiveness. The research I have done personally on the Covid 19 vaccine leads me to believe it is unsafe, ineffective at stopping or slowing the spread of Covid 19 and ineffective at preventing the vaccinated from getting Covid 19. Requiring us to take this vaccine (or any other vaccine which has not undergone proper testing) is a violation of our Constitutional rights. Again, I am urging you to pass SB 7 to prevent employers from requiring employees or prospective employees to take or prove they have taken the Covid 19 vaccine.

Rebecca Gross, Mrs
Self
Boerne, TX

Please vote to pass SB 7 to prohibit employer mandate COVID vaccines.

Respectfully,
Rebecca Gross

Teresa Nafegar

Self

Houston, TX

Dear House Members ,

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private or any employer COVID -19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Teresa Nafegar

Les Platz

Self

Royse City, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Les Platz

Misti Bowens

Self

Northlake, TX

This is urgent.SB 7 must pass to protect Texans from COVID tyranny!

I thank you for your righteous vote of integrity.

Joyce White, Mrs

Self

Houston, TX

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Donna Zuniga

Self — mother and book editor

Dale, TX

Please quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. This matter is extremely important to me and my family. We should all have the protected right to choose whether or not a medical procedure such as vaccination is appropriate for us as individuals — without risk of discrimination, penalty, or termination by an employer. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Bernice Messina-Gates, Mrs

self

Fate, TX

I stand in support of SB7. I'm asking you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. All Texans deserve the right to make their own choices about vaccines. No one should be forced to inject their bodies against their will in order to keep their job. Thank you for quickly passing SB7 out of committee.

Charles Pinzino

Self, retired

Lindale, TX

This bill should be supported by every legislator in the State of Texas. Do what is right and get this passed.

Janice Kimball

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

I urge you to pass SB 7 out of committee as soon as possible to prohibit private employer COVID vaccine mandates. FREE TEXANS should not be coerced or forced to put something in their bodies in order to be employed--especially one that has not been totally tested.

Eugene Lux, Mr

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

Please help support this bill

Gerald Ward

SELF

Austin, TX

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you.

Gerald Ward

Marguerite Belec

self retired

Ingram, TX

Pass this bill. It is abhorrent that government requires people to take untested, harmful injections/poisons without full informed consent and as a requirement of employment. Save the Republic and do your job.

Cathy Cocco

Self, marketing

Austin, TX

Please support passing this bill and expand protections by prohibiting ANY mandates of vaccines by employers. We have seen the unlawful coercion that has been mandated these past 3 years. We need your help to stop this from happening again.

Tamara Fisher, Mrs

Self

Midland, TX

It is time to end employer mandated CoVid vaccines!

These EU authorized gene therapies have harmed many Texans. I know a startling amount of residents and healthcare workers who have been harmed. We as Texans should be leading the nation in preserving individual freedoms. If we aren't free to make a living unless we are forced into rushed unsafe therapies or any medical treatments then we are truly not free. Please do what is right and pass this bill that prohibits tyrannical policies.

Thank you,

Tamara Fisher ..mother of two native Texans and Texas resident for over 23 years.

Pam Shives

self

Fate, TX

SB 7 must pass to protect Texans from COVID tyranny!

Jamie Blair

Self Entrepenuer

Nocona, TX

Our body, our choice.

Robert Shives

self

Fate, TX

SB 7 must pass to protect Texans from COVID tyranny!

Jen Jen Min

Self

Plano, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Jen Jen

Tim Kane

self

Tyler, TX

Control of one's body is one of our most fundamental human rights. No one--even the government-- has the right to require another to take any vaccine as a condition of employment, continued employment or entry into a building. I urge you to craft a bill that will make this abundantly clear. Put teeth in it!

Anonymous Anonymous

Self

Houston, TX

I have to remain anonymous to protect the future of my career. Many of you don't realize how important this vote is. I have a medical condition that prevents me from taking the covid vaccines. When my employer mandated the vaccine I applied for an exemption with supporting documentation and 3 physician letters. My exemption was granted but my employer refused to accommodate it stating I was a health risk to the company. I was banned from entering my work building was and my pay was removed for over a year. Our labor union supported my employer and stated if I don't comply I could leave my career. They didn't care about exemptions. Because of these actions and that I was labeled in my industry publicly as "unvaccinated" I lost all work in my field. I am still treated harshly by some of these people and it has permanently damaged my career and earnings. Texans NEED protection from this kind of hate. We live in a time where if you are different than others that they will destroy you. The law of a free land must protect its citizens from situations such as these.

Ashley Ferguson

Self

Henderson, TX

am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Texans deserve freedom from tyrannical pharmaceutical companies who care nothing for true health, but only keeping lifetime patients for profit.

Sara Hicks, Dr.

Self

Pearland, TX

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Our family went through immense stress in 2021 as the threat of job loss was real because my husband chose to not take the experimental covid vaccine. Our family did a risk/benefit analysis and determined that not taking the experimental vaccine was the best decision for us. Please protect our ability to make decisions.

Thank you,

Dr. Sara Hicks

Barbara Harless, Mrs

self

Murphy, TX

ALL mandated vaccines SHALL be prohibited!

Look, if “vaccines” are “safe & effective”, then those who choose to put them in their body are protected from the “un-vaccinated” – RIGHT?

Amend SB7 to address ALL so-called vaccines.

Doreen Miller

Self Art Teacher

Friendswood, TX

Vote against vaccine mandates!

Shelly Ashley

Self

Flower Mound, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Freedom of Choice is one of the values afforded by the brave men and women who have continued to fight for our country. I am asking you to fight for hardworking, tax paying Texans who choose not to inject their bodies with vaccines that are not effective and an unwanted mandate. We should be able to choose what's right for our bodies without the fear of termination or retribution. Please protect our freedoms!

Thank you,

Shelly Ashley

Jill Berkana

self

FORT DAVIS, TX

The New York State Court just affirmed a law against any covid shot mandates as they are arbitrary and capricious. They do not prevent transmission or infection. Texas should do at least as well as New York.

Neither a publicly financed entity or a private company may act in a criminal manner. It may not force people to be injected with a substance that is adulterated, does not follow GMP and could possibly maim and kill them. Furthermore, this product is under EUA. Forcing it violates the Nuremberg Code.

I don't know if you have read the government's own documents obtained through FOIA. They show that the pharma companies and the government agencies knew these injections were killing and maiming people a long time ago, before the original mandates, even before the original EUA. I will send you a link if you want it, but this information is in the public domain. Not one person in the state government or a private corporation is in a position to say they were unable to read or understand these publicly available FOIA documents.

The PREP act has already been legally breached in several states. The immunity that everyone in governments, corporations, PPPs, etc. thinks they have is over! The result will be a bunch of lawsuits that companies and public entities will lose.

You probably don't know that a Nuremberg suit will be happening in Costa Rica on Nov. 9. This will apply to the US and other nations. This will open the door to criminal as well as civil trials.

Businesses and other entities do not have rights to criminality. The legislature may not authorize them to act criminally towards the state's citizens.

I find both private employers and Abbott's willingness to allow harm to our citizens despicable as well as illegal. I ask that you stop these mandates today. They are unworthy of our state and destructive of it.

Thank you,

Jill Berkana

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Margaret Wilson

self- attorney

Eddy, TX

Texans are proud of being free. Do not make us slaves by allowing these mandates. This ban is an appropriate measure by our government. Private businesses should be able to have their own policies, but there are limits. They are not allowed to retaliate against whistleblowers. They should not be allowed to force their employees to injure themselves in order to work for them. If they can, then employees should be suing them. Were illegal aliens forced to be vaccinated before crossing the border ? One has to wonder why not.

Eve MARGOLIS

self

Austin, TX

Llimiting private employers in anything is absolutely against any Republican talking points. This is the antithesis of small government. It is the antithesis of freedom of any kind. Punishing an employer for doing what they choose for their own health as well as that of their employees has no place in a democracy. It will hurt the economy: people will quit to avoid getting themselves or a family member sick or worse. There is no world where this kind of government mandate is in the best interest of our country and it's constituents.

Fran Rhodes

True Texas Project, self (President non profit)

Fort Worth, TX

The vaccine mandates imposed during the pandemic were draconian and unreasonable. The Covid 19 vaccine was not well tested, there are no long term test results, it was rushed to completion and has since shown to be harmful to many who have taken it. The government over reach during the pandemic was astonishing and should not be allowed to happen again. We support this bill, but would prefer to change the wording from COVID-19 vaccine mandate, to any vaccine mandate. Many people are adversely affected by vaccinations and they should not loose their jobs because of it. Please modify the bill to include all mandates, and pass it out of committee. Thank you!

Eric Herbert

Self

Lubbock, TX

Texas proudly stands for personal liberty and this includes medical freedom. Each Texan has the right to decide what gets injected into their own bodies and the bodies of their children. A powerful corporation should never have the authority to force a medical treatment on them against their will. The fact that this particular medical treatment has substantial long term health risks makes the passage of this bill into law all the more urgent.

Rachel Weber

self - software engineer

Austin, TX

Civilians should have the right to informed consent for any medical procedure. Informed consent cannot be truly given when someone is under duress. The threat of job loss (loss of livelihood and ability to feed one's family) is definitely a situation in which the "consent" cannot be considered truly "informed consent" for employees who may have been reluctant to get the medical procedure. Switching jobs isn't some light matter. The the threat of job loss is sufficient duress such that using it to push any medical procedure is unethical (and employers can instead curb illness by traditional means that do not violate bodily autonomy, such as by sanitization or by having employees stay home on days when tests or symptoms confirm they are ill). Prohibiting employers from imposing COVID-19 vaccine mandates is a step in the right direction.

Debbie Lindstrom

self

McKinney, TX

I support this bill.

Heather Hulsey

Self

Amarillo, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,
Heather Hulsey

Todd Bufkin
Self
Amarillo, TX

Please pass SB 7. No employer, private or otherwise, should be able to mandate any kind of personal medical choice.
Thank you
Todd Bufkin

April Mayo
Self
Kingwood, TX

Madame chairwoman Hunter and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to submit my request. I respectfully ask that you pass SB7 to restore our God given liberties back to the individual and remove the tyranny of allowing a private business to place a health mandate on a Texas Citizen. We have to lead the way and show the rest of the nation what true freedom looks like. The vaccine (especially the c-19) causes far more harm than good. Insurance actuarial data shows a 40% increase in all cause mortality since the vaccine rollout, in working aged people 18-65. The lipid nanoparticle the mRNA is encased in is highly inflammatory and passes the blood brain barrier. Additionally, the spike it instructs your body to make for an unknown period of time is also toxic and inflammatory. The spike binds to ace2 receptors in the brain, liver, kidneys, spleen, testes, ovaries and more. It causes illness in many. It does NOT confer immunity and it does not prevent the spread. The illness is no longer deadly. Mandates or "policies" of private companies should not be allowed to tread over our liberties. Please make the right decision and pass SB7 and restore the freedom that is our birthright. Make Texas the leader we should be. Being a pioneer is not easy but it is the courageous choice. Thank you.

Steve May
True Texas Project
Houston, TX

Texans and all people have a natural, inalienable right to refuse vaccination or other medical treatment.
The Texas Legislature should codify this right. Start by passing SB7.
Forcing people to take the vax by threatening to fire them from their job is soft Totalitarianism. Don't allow this in Texas.

Karen Snow, Mrs
Self- Registered Nurse
Waxahachie, TX

I do not want any employer telling me what vaccine to put in my body. They have no right to do that. My body and my right!

Leigh Currie Nerren
myself
Lindale, TX

PASS IT prohibit private employers from mandating COVID-19 vaccines (the bill should not be limited to COVID-19 because the feds will only call it something else) (SB 7)

Jana Raymond
self
Groesbeck, TX

Health freedom should be a part of Texas liberty! Stop overreach and regulations of mandates that effect personal health in Texas. In favor of SB7

Carol Keyes
Self
Bushland, TX

I urge you to please pass this bill. An employer should have no right in requiring an employee to submit to unproven injection into their body. The Covid vaccine has no proven benefits and is still far too new to know the long term effects which are proving deadly every single day. Please protect Texans from corporate over reach

Denise Linn
Self, a TAXPAYER
Keller, TX

Stop playing stupid games and pass the legislation Texans want! You never should have tried to impeach Paxton, and you sure shouldn't ignore bills from those who didn't agree with the impeachment hoax! Texans want to see action to combat dangerous influences—we want a strong, border security bill. Why aren't border crossings illegal? Please advance and pass SB 11—this should have been done a long time ago. What comes across the border when it's not being protected? Drugs, violence, terrorists, disease, and worst of all, humans being trafficked. The only way to fight this disgusting practice is with a strong border and laws that severely punish those who are trafficking and their customers—please advance and pass SB 4. We deserve our rights and freedom, especially when it comes to our health—please advance and pass SB 7 to ensure that we won't be forced to take any vaccine we don't want. This decision shouldn't be left to an employer, a government, or a nongovernmental agency (like the WHO)—it should be made by us alone. Please get going on the important business at hand—thank you.

Laura Bailey
Self/retired
Dripping Springs, TX

SB 7 must pass to protect Texans from COVID tyranny!

Sandra McKeag
Self/Nanny
Harlingen, TX

I'm writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

For context—I moved to Texas from Colorado in part because of what Governor Polis, the Colorado Legislature, and employers were doing.

Some of the reasons I moved include the mandates and madness—including making pot shops essential while shutting down schools and churches (www.denverpost.com/2020/03/23/coronavirus-colorado-marijuana-dispensaries/), making it a crime to be in public and arresting a father in front of his child because they went to a park (www.westword.com/news/covid-19-and-arrest-of-t-ball-playing-colorado-dad-that-went-international-11683429), and not allowing critically ill people to get lifesaving treatment without getting a “vaccine” that had no longitudinal studies showing side effects (www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/10/07/1044034382/colorado-hospital-organ-transplant-covid-vaccine).

I also have some family in the RGV so it made making my decision to leave the State I called home for over two decades easier, even though it meant leaving family and friends.

I still see employers demanding the COVID “vaccine” as a condition for employment in Texas. As someone who had an adverse reaction to a flu shot seven years ago (my first, my only, demanded by a job I held, and I was fired the following year after I had stated I would not get another) I will never get the COVID “vaccine” as it contains the same ingredient that my body cannot tolerate. My PA fully supports my decision; something we discussed including the cumulative impact introducing that component into my system repeatedly.

By voting Nay on SB 7 you would be forcing me to potentially make the decision between my life or my livelihood.

Since moving here, I have become more involved in politics, particularly on a local level and am attending a meeting with the mayor of the city I live in later this month, but I am also paying attention to State level politics. Your vote on SB 7 will dictate my support of either you or whoever your opponent is the next time you are up for re-election—both primary and general.

Please vote yes on SB 7—for me, for you, for all our children, and for freedom of choice.

Thank you,

Sandra McKeag

Misty Walters
Self
Tomball, TX

Thank you for protecting Texans and our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which involves our ability to work and learn, unimpeded by over-reaching mandates that have proven to be dangerous and foolhardy. Texans deserve to be protected from vaccine mandates.

Shawn Siegel, Mr.

Self

San Marcos, TX

It is imperative that you pass SB 7 through Committee to the full House. The number of reports of injury associated with the Covid shots is virtually off the charts, when compared to all the traditional vaccines, combined!. My own son has been seriously debilitated by a Pfizer jab,

No one should be coerced into consenting to an injection that, unpredictably, can severely injure them, and I can think of no greater coercion than the threat of job loss for refusing the jabs; the threat of employees losing the means of support for themselves and their families.

Amanda Frierson

Self

Forney, TX

I am writing to ask that you quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

(Ms.) Molly Ruth Machenehl, M.A. LSSP/School Psychologist - Specialist

M.A. LSSP/School Psychologist - Specialist

Flower Mound, TX

Thank you the Honorable Texas State House Affairs Committee. Please pass/remove SB 7 out of committee to stop employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

2008-2011, I was enrolled in a graduate psychology program. I took a required graduate psychology research course. My professor, Dr. John Lutjmeijer, led us in a project that included finding news articles about matters in our expected scope of psychology practice after extensively studying how to determine the validity and reliability of research we find to determine credibility (or lack there of). Going into school psychology, I found an article about research on the safety (or lack there of) of vaccines/immunizations for infants and young that was conducted in California. Through a list serv of authoritative journals, I found the original journal and the original research. What I noticed was this: a state highly populated (California) had a large population of samples from which to select with a super small sample size at the end (making the research less credible with less "diversity" in the sample unlike that population).

Many moms gave consent for research. However, the end of the written research summary showed an extremely small sample size in comparison to the population of samples. We already learned that a large sample size increases validity and reliability. I reviewed the research closely and found that samples were recalled. Unlike Trader Joe's and other markets, however, they did not replace what was recalled. They removed it from the population from which to select, but they never replaced (even though there were many from which to select and/or to use for replacement). At the point that they could have deferred to another highly populated state for replacement samples (like Texas or New York), they did not. They could have halted the research. They could have requested peer review sooner. The journal was considered an authoritative source, yet what would make the research article most credible was avoided. In addition, the researchers only had the written article peer reviewed and not as much of a thorough review on the statistical findings was conducted.

Sadly, a headline was erroneously released, indicating vaccines did not contribute to pervasive developmental challenges such as autism. That statement could not be made with as much credibility as people thought. The comments of many researchers, news personnel, and company personnel were that it was ongoing research and that it was never meant to be released in a public headline, as they did not believe that was ready for public release. The leading physician of the US Army Medical Department of Excellence out of Fort Sam Houston relied upon the erroneous research in a public health news conference on vaccine/immunization mandates. There was/is evidence of danger of the vaccines/immunizations in utero and to children, which is true for adults unless proven otherwise. I had ethical and legal requirements and am protected by law.

Mary Corbin
Self
HOUSTON, TX

Pass this bill as is.

Deborah Stanfield
N/A. Self
Abilene, TX

I'm asking to please sign the SB 7, so no one can force another dangerous experimental drug on the people of Texas that want to work, without having to go through this process again.

Thank you

Lawrence Hulsey
Self
Amarillo, TX

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Texans value freedom in all ways, ESPECIALLY Medical Freedom and the freedom to choose what we put in our own bodies!

Thank you

Lisa de Oliveira
self ; homeschool counselor
Denton, TX

Thank you for considering my concerns regarding this bill SB7 that affects millions of Texans! There is no doubt that this practice of vaccine mandates absolutely destroys peoples lives and livelihoods and has devastating effects on our economy! This is what happened with the COVID -19 vaccine and would be repeated with any other policy.

In the strongest terms, I plead with you legislators to prohibit employers from adopting and enforcing all vaccine mandates by authorizing an administrative penalty for employers that attempt to penalize employees that refuse to comply. This is what is the best for all Texans and the government has NO ROLE in trying to micromanage individuals health care choices.

In addition, this is a huge HIPPA violation by demanding the transparency of health care information such as vaccine status and should have no place in our democratic society. This is the type of behavior of socialist governments and I appeal to your love of freedom as Texans to not be complicit in this illegal and oppressive law.

Brian Farney
Self
Perryton, TX

Pass SB 7 no Covid mandates

Make any Covid mandates, illegal and retroactive

Heather Graves, Dr

Self

Amarillo, TX

Please pass SB-7 quickly to not allow private employers from requiring a still experimental vaccine therapy. I have friends who left their jobs on the last one which hasn't help our staffing shortages in healthcare across Texas. If this isnt passed and I along with others I know will leave our careers. Stand with the people and Gods will and never force a health procedure on the population of our great state.

Lynne Johnson

Self

Spicewood, TX

Please adopt this bill immediately

William Graves

Self

Amarillo, TX

Pass SB-7 in Texas as soon as possible so our great state can be a leader in human rights not to force medical procedures on its people.

Janice Reid

Self

Amarillo, TX

Please do not pass this. We are a red conservative state.

Deborah Goodner

self, self employed

Heath, TX

Please quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Deborah Goodner

Cindi Castilla
Texas Eagle Forum
Dallas, TX

Medical Freedom is necessary in a free state and nation. When an employer enforces adverse actions on those who have made a personal choice to avoid a substance in their body, the employer is exposing an employee's private medical status and decisions to others at the business. The employee's ability to advance their career could also be impacted by separation or other enforcement based on a choice that is not even the business of the employer. Texas Eagle Forum would like to see this bill pass without being watered down in any way.

If we continue to allow medical employers to make requirements for a particular vaccine status, shouldn't we also consider creating protection for immune-compromised people who could be impacted by vaccine shedding where it exists? It makes more sense to allow people seeking medical care to ask questions if they have a personal concern and make their own informed decision as to where to go and who to sit/stand near rather than create small rules regarding health care workers. (referring to 81D.0035, sections (b) and (c).

Thank you for hearing SB 7 today.

Cindi Castilla
President, Texas Eagle Forum

Laura Cox
Airline Employees 4 Health Freedom
Montgomery, TX

Regarding SB 7:

My Name is Captain Laura Cox and I have been a pilot for United Airlines for 34 years. United Airlines is a Chicago-based company that instituted a COVID-19 vaccine mandate on its employees in August 2021. I am also the Co-founder of Airline Employees 4 Health Freedom, a group of 2000 United employees created to stand up against United's mandate. The mandate was designed to coerce people into getting vaccinated even if it was against their faith or their medical needs by withholding employment. AE4HF was started right here in Texas and now has members around the world.

During the holidays in 2021, thousands of United pilots, flight attendants and others were placed on unpaid leave or fired for not taking a Covid vaccine. Most had obtained a so-called reasonable accommodation per Title VII of the Civil Rights Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act yet were essentially unemployed. I was left without health insurance and struggled to provide medications for my husband and son...right at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We were blocked from our retirement funds since United kept us classified as active employees. Other employees, mechanics, ramp and gate agents, were ridiculed at work as United exposed their unvaccinated status and encouraged mistreatment and harassment. But even before then, hundreds of other United employees in Texas were forced to violate their faith and/or health when they acquiesced to United's covid vaccine mandate.

Only United should have never had such power—corporations should not be allowed to make health care decisions for their workers. Judge James C. Ho on the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has hit the heart of the matter regarding corporate mandates. He has expressed, “deep concern” about this “new model of capitalism” where a corporation tries to make health care decisions for workers. He has called it, “a dangerous expansion of corporate power that threatens to subvert American democracy.” The problem is that CEOs may be more concerned with virtue signaling than business concerns.

While the pandemic is over, the danger still exists without a law protecting Texas citizens, we could all face the same unbridled corporate tyranny again. Remember, even though Gov. Abbott issued an Executive Order prohibiting a vaccine mandate, there were no consequences to the Order and United Airlines publicly refused to follow it.

I speak in favor of SB 7 and urge you to pass this legislation protecting employees against corporations who do not share our Texas values.

Melissa Harrington

self

Lewisville, TX

People have the God-given right to decide what medicine or medical treatments are done to them. This is NOT the right of government or businesses to decide who gets a medicine (any "vaccine", treatment, or other procedure). Language of the bill should be broad enough to include any medical treatment, medicine, injection, or other biological effect on persons.

Michele Bohr, RN

Self - RN

Amarillo, TX

Please stop forcing health care workers to take vaccines or wear masks. These vaccines are very harmful and should be the right of the individual to choose. Thank you for being a voice for the people and healthcare workers, government employees as well.

Pam Mckinney

Self

Wimberley, TX

I strongly support prohibiting an employer enforcing vaccine mandates.

Judy Vestal, Mrs.

self

Texarkana, TX

This is an important bill that should not be limited to just the name Covid-19. Vaccines should be safe and proven and a matter of our own bodily autonomy. No punishment should be allowed for anyone who chooses not to comply...not even in businesses or colleges, etc.

Katie S

Self

Waxahachie, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Lesley White

Self

Houston, TX

Dear Representative

I am asking you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. I have many friends who lost their jobs due to mandates over the last few years or who were forced to take a medical procedure without proper informed consent.

Thank you,

Lesley White

Jennifer Kline
No organization
CELINA, TX

It is imperative that you ban not only Covid mandates but any vax mandates that could be imposed in the future. We have young relatives who tried to move to Texas from Nevada to escape the Leftist lockdown of schools but couldn't come even though they had nursing job offers because of the mandates. It was devastating for all of us. Young people never needed the vaccine!

Cody Gillispie, Mr
Self
Decatur, TX

We should have the right to take the vaccine or not.
Not anyone demanding we take it

Lori Davidson
self
JOSHUA, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. No one should be forced to inject anything; especially something that hasn't been properly tested. And, no one should have to choose between their job and this vaccine.

Pam- Park
Self Bookkeeper
Amarillo, TX

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Victor Henderson
N/a
Denton, TX

I strongly support this bill. Madness that they forced so many to take the jab.

Annette Bennett
FBG tea party,
Fredericksburg, TX

Texas needs to insure that we will never have another episode like we had with COVID. Legislation needs to ensure that private employers cannot require ANY "vaccine" that uses MRNA process. This would include COVID, but is not limited to COVID. We need to ensure that the next pandemic will not result in a loss of personal freedoms. It is important that we make this apply to private employers as they are no integrated with the government in crony capitalism.

Tish Thomason, Mrs.
Self
Amarillo, TX

I'm writing to ask that you pass SB 7 out of committee to prevent private employee covid 19 vaccine mandates. Covid vaccines are not effective and are killing innocent people. No vaccine is safe.

Christopher Nieves

Self

Round Rock, TX

Please support this bill!!

Niki Oehlert

Self

Amarillo, TX

Please pass SB-7 now to protect the people in Texas. I have had health issues related to taking the vaccine the first time that I don't wish on anyone.

Theresa Keefe

self

Houston, TX

Please pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Every Texas worker has an inalienable right to choose their own physician and get a second opinion on ALL procedures and medicines. Every Texas worker has the individual right to make their own risk assessments when it comes to ALL medicines. The COVID-19 vaccine in particular was rushed to market, did not disclose the now known serious side affects and was FORCED upon us and our children by politics and scare-mongering. Employers are not personally chosen physicians. Please protect the inalienable rights of every Texans worker by passing SB 7 out of committee. Thank you!

Elizabeth Gardner, Mrs

Self

Spring, TX

Every Texan, every United States citizen has the right of what is put into their body. Stand with Texans, your constituents, and pass this bill swiftly.

Thank you.

ALLISON AMORES

Self

McKinney, TX

I am writing to request that this bill be passed so that Texans can maintain their God-given right to bodily autonomy. No one should have to go against their personal or religious beliefs to maintain their employment and means for keeping their family sheltered and fed. Thank you for serving this great state and doing what's right for your constituents.

Mia Fesmire

Self

Katy, TX

Please pass this so Texans have the ability to make the choice if they want to get the vaccine or not . Please do not allow employers to force Texans to make the choice of keeping their jobs or get the vaccine NO person should ever have to make that choice.

In studies and even the CDC has stated the vaccine does not stop the spread or infection. As more time and research is being done it is showing that the vaccine can actually has serious side effects in which vaccine injured people are not even allowed to go after the drug companies.

It makes no sense to allow employers to dictate what people put into their bodies. ESPECIALLY with a vaccine that is proven to be ineffective in stopping transmission and illness .

Please pass this bill and give Texans the CHOICE on what is right for each individual.

Colleen OConnor

Self

Dallas, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you, Colleen OConnor

CharlRae Segura Cobb, RN, M.Ed

Self

League City, TX

Vaccines and other medications should be an informed choice made by patients and their physicians but not by employers. All medications/vaccines contain ingredients to which many people are allergic. Case in point, my cousin who is/was a surgeon and a competitive athlete was required by her employer to take the 1st COVID vaccine which caused anaphylaxis. Epinephrine saved her life but she was left with congestive heart failure and has been unable to work or resume her previous activities. I spoke with a family doctor who has witnessed multiple patients with auto-immune diseases, and some who do not, develop organ damage after taking the different COVID vaccines. No pharmaceutical is without risk and its administration should be at the discretion of both the patient and the physician.

Kim Holley, Mrs.

Myself and many others-Excellent in biology & immunity

Abbott, TX

1. Certain individuals (Fauci) have longstanding patents on items regarding the COVID shots.
2. Fauci & other main players stated as fact that these shots prevent a pain from getting Covid-19.
Not true.
3. Fauci & other main players stated as fact that shots prevent the spread of Covid-19.
Not true.
4. Many factors in play. Hospitals incentivized for people to die.
5. Some people believe in lowering the population. By whatever means possible. Bill Gates.
6. Cheap drugs-Nobel prize winning drug ivermectin was kept from the American people.
7. India, (the country) used this very inexpensive, Nobel prize winning, drug, Ivermectin, reduced and eradicated Covid-19 in some of their states in India.

ONLY 2 things "were allowed" for the medical community to use on sick people "with Covid-19"

Remdesivir&ventilators. Remdesivir is a drug with MAJOR problems - from WAY back. It shuts down the kidneys..the body accumulates fluid.. including in the LUNGS. So.. by applying the ventilator at this point when the person is in bad shape in this way- I believe they are also medicated to be able to be intubated and not fight off this situation.. they tend to drown/suffocate.. and the doctors? Hospital? receives \$ for this person's demise/death.

There is much more.

Have YOU watch the DOCUMENTARY entitled

"Died Suddenly"?

Many. Unusual. Things. And. YOU. Need. To. Watch. This. Documentary.

Ivermectin is so cheap. Basically banned here in this country. Remdesivir put money in Fauci's pocket.

Hospitals incentivized \$\$\$ for many people dying.

Lincoln Achilli

Self

Dallas, TX

Mandating vaccines for anyone is immoral, and requiring compliance with a mandate for an EUA vaccine violates the principle of informed consent as described in the Nuremberg Code as well as being unconstitutional. Allowing private employers to mandate compliance with an EUA vaccine or any other medical product merely outsources the unjust taking of constitutional rights from the government to the private sector and is wrong. No vaccine mandates in public or private employment, benefits, or freedom of movement, or economic activity should be lawful

Kevin Warren, President/CEO

Texas Health Care Association

Austin, TX

My name is Kevin Warren, President & CEO of the Texas Health Care Association. We represent post-acute, skilled nursing and assisted living facilities communities across Texas. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding proposed legislation prohibiting COVID-19 vaccine mandates by private employers.

At this time, THCA would respectfully submit written testimony "on" Senate Bill 7, as passed out of the Senate, that prohibits COVID-19 vaccine mandates by private employers. As has been discussed this regular 88th Session and numerous times during the 87th regular and special sessions from THCA, nursing facilities across the nation suffered the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic, with our residents and their families suffering the worst the virus could bring. COVID-19 did not start inside nursing facilities. It came from outside, primarily from employees and visitors who brought the virus into the facilities. It wasn't until the availability of the vaccine at the beginning of 2021, did we begin to witness a decline of resident and staff outbreaks and death at the hand of COVID-19.

The Texas Health Care Association has previously taken and maintains the position that providers should have the right to determine their own position on whether to require vaccinations for their staff. If a provider chooses to mandate the vaccine for its employees, then we will support their position as we would providers that choose not to mandate.

Our concern remains that any legislation prohibiting COVID-19 vaccine mandates could place nursing home providers in an untenable position if the federal government implements another COVID-19 vaccine mandate for this profession. Nursing home providers would be required to make a choice between violating state law or losing its two primary sources of funding as a federal enforcement mechanism under the requirements of participation for failure to comply. Approximately 80-85% of nursing facility revenues come from caring for Medicare and Medicaid patients. That is 80-85% of their patients they would no longer be able to care for if funding is suspended for failure to comply with the mandate.

If the Legislature decides to pass this type of legislation, we ask that it exempt all health care providers as defined by Chapter 74 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code. Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Judy VESTAL, Mrs.

self

TEXARKANA, TX

I was listening to the committee on this bill discussing the requiring of hospital workers to take the Covid-19 vaccine. I would like to point out that good records were not kept on whether people who got the vaccine and boosters were more likely to get covid or less likely to get it. The records in the EU were better and seemed to show that the booster takers got the Delta version much more often and it was of a serious matter. Also in the US we found that the vaccine did not prevent the transmission of the disease and those who said it was a positive factor in making it less severe never proved that in the record keeping because it was so poorly designed..

Michael Nurre
self - Software Engineer
Corpus Christi, TX

I urge you to pass this bill. We have seen that COVID is no more harmful than the seasonal flu. From the VAERS data we see that there are way too many adverse reactions from these "vaccines" which would normally have the vaccine recalled and prohibited from use. We need to stop this madness now.

Cathy Mahrer
Self
Austin, TX

Let each individual choose what is best for them

Leslie Kuhlman
Citizen and tax payer
Prosper, TX

ical decisions are personal. There are risks that can be life altering with any medical treatment or medicine, thus no person should have to take a vaccine in order to maintain their job. It is unethical to the core. The COVID vaccine has had more adverse events in the last many years in comparison to other vaccines. The complications include neurological, autoimmune, myocarditis and death in otherwise health and in many cases trained athletes.

All lives matter and it is the role of the government to protect each individuals choice without retribution. Additionally, the cost of the adverse events are crippling to families who were under duress to take a vaccine just in order to maintain employment. These types of policies will be judged by history, decide today to be on the right side and do not allow COVID vaccine mandates by private employers

Tom Mahrer
self
San Antonio, TX

I am contacting you today for your support to quickly pass SB 7 out of the committee to prohibit employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

We are in desperate need of your support for legislation to prevent unfair, inhumane, and discriminatory work practices against Texas employees. Studies have shown natural immunity to be at least as robust as vaccine-induced immunity, such as the SARS-CoV-2 Immunity and Reinfection Evaluation (SIREN) study as reported by The Lancet, in its April 17, 2021 report (volume 397). Allowing Texas employers to discriminate against unvaccinated employees is against the science and is just plain wrong.

I am an employee of a Texas-based Fortune 50 company identified as “essential infrastructure”. As an essential worker, I proudly carried my letter to the national guard asking for permission that I may report to work despite unknown risks imposed by the pandemic. Since recovering from COVID infection in the early days of 2020, I have not had a single illness-related absence as of the time I am writing this letter. I have just made my own personal decision to not get vaccinated because I’ve already had the disease and have natural immunity.

Now that several of my colleagues have been coerced into accepting vaccination, I find myself isolated. I have been publicly identified as “unvaccinated” and am subjected to unfair and discriminatory practices. Fellow employees were encouraged to report noncompliance. I was required to test weekly and wear a mask at all times. The vaccinated, by contrast, were not required to test weekly and rarely, if ever, wear a mask. Effectively the mask was my scarlet letter, identifying to colleagues and management that it is okay to treat me different, despite perfect health and attendance. Further, I was restricted from participating in critical work functions such as meeting with clients or using facilities like our fitness center and cafeteria.

When questioning if I will be retaliated against, my company’s response is that being unvaccinated is not a “protected class”.

Are we moving backwards in history?

Signage was posted throughout areas of our office building stating; “Vaccinate Guests Only” and before entering the gym fitness area “Fitness Center/Sport Court Access: Limited to Vaccinated Guests Only”.

It is appalling that we seem to have forgotten about the civil rights movement and the ills of discriminating against people who are different than us or decide to make their own personal medical decisions. It is absurd not to recognize natural immunity, because that is the science, and it is outrageous not to let people make their own medical decisions. My top performance and several years invested in my company was meaningless and I was subjected to extreme stress worrying about my future. I questioned how to financially support my family and counted down the days until a hard mandate rendered me unemployable.

We need your help to make the unvaccinated a protected class in Texas.

Donna Collins
self
Fort Worth, TX

This Bill should relate to any & all vaccines (they will just rename it) and include mandated medical therapies of any kind.

Jenny Harry
Self
Prosper, TX

Any and all vaccinations are personal and private decisions. The government has no place mandating any vaccination on any human being, private or public. It is our body and our choice as Citizens of the United States of America. Nor should any private or public entity request personal health documents. No matter what your stance is your health is your personal business and no one else’s and no human should be discriminated against based on their personal decisions and not is it anyone’s business to know a persons personal choice.

Brittany Leggett

Self

Pilot point, TX

The government should not be interfering with private businesses. That is unconstitutional and, while the current subject seems agreeable, will be used as precedent in the future to cram down all sorts of nefarious nonsense.

Raelene Wier

Self

Celina, TX

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you, Raelene

Benjamin Spivey, Dr

Self

Spring, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

I was personally harmed by a COVID shot. These experimental shots were not tested, rushed out for profit, and censored with collusion of government and pharmaceutical companies. This evil should never be forced upon Americans again just to keep their jobs. This was medical coercion and failed to meet the standards for informed consent.

Thank you,
Benjamin Spivey

Kristin Trumbauer

Self-dental hygienist

Celina, TX

No private entity or employer should have any say in my personal healthcare decisions. Covid has infected practically everyone, and the shot did not stop it. As a Christian, I believe every person has a specific number of days, granted by God, from before their first breath. If it is your time to go, nothing on earth stops God's perfect timing. Not a shot, not a mask, not a mandate.

Also, it is my RIGHT to pursue my own happiness, and if I would rather have NATURAL antibodies to Covid, it is my RIGHT to produce them of my own accord, and not by an artificial shot. I should not have to fear for my livelihood in order to choose natural antibodies of my own making.

It is a clear violation of my life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness to have an employer dictate and coerce my private healthcare choices.

I respectfully ask for a complete ban on the shot mandates. I support SB 7.

Lisa Reed
Self
Dallas, TX

No one should ever have the right to tell you what do with your own body and no one should ever be forced to take a medicine that can have negative life alerting effects on your body. No one should ever be forced to take a medicine of any kind that could potentially harm them in any way. The government does not own our bodies, and we do not trust other entities to make medical decisions on our behalf. Especially, if the people and entities making the decisions could somehow profit off of or benefit from their opinion. I urge you to do what is right and put an end to medical tyranny. Remember that America is the land of the FREE!

Cody Gillispie, Mr
Self
Decatur, TX

Get rid of the speaker immediately

Cody Gillispie, Mr
Self
Decatur, TX

Get rid of the speaker immediately Texans are tired of y'all not doing your job! We do not like any corrupt politics in our state. This is Texas not Washington which is crooked as it gets. Get rid of the speaker immediately he is the culprit that is causing corruption

Ruth Potts
Self
Roanoke, TX

I have researched extensively and read studies on effectiveness and impact of the Covid-19. There is documented evidence that is strong with statistics of vaccine that show it's impact is worse than the actual virus. That is without getting into the protocols of treatment that were mandated by the governmental depts that oversee and "recommend" hospital and doctors protocol for treatment.

I am aware of many individuals that were forced to leave or retire from their jobs to stay true to their medical choice of not taking this covid-19 vaccine. Also I have read many stories of people that had the vaccine to keep their job and have negative health consequences, even stories from family members who lost someone in death from myocarditis.

No employer should have the ability to impact a person's employment security based on a private medical decision regarding this controversial vaccine.

Therefore, I am advocating for acceptance of SB-7 to stop employers from mandating the covid-19 vaccine or any backlash for an employee making a personal choice to not have this vaccine.

Roger Biedanski
Self
Huntsville, TX

Please no vaccine mandates for anyone in Texas

Andrea Hogan
Self
Prosper, TX

Please vote NO on any and all vaccine mandates if any kind. Thank you!

Bonnie Seelig
Retired/Self
Spicewood, TX

SB 7 must not be limited to just COVID-19 vaccine. Bureaucrats have abused the English language again and again.

Nothing will stop the naming and renaming of COVID and every other virus or disease or vaccine when government wants an outcome to achieve power.

Andrea Stammreich
Self, Project Manager
Frisco, TX

Medical decisions are between a patient and doctor. There are risks to any medical treatment/procedure and none should be required to maintain employment. Unless employers are willing to assume liability associated with such mandates, there should be none.

Janet Davis, Mrs
self
Tenaha, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,
Janet Davis

Michelle Reed
Self
Lucas, TX

I strongly support prohibitions on private employers enforcing covid-19 vaccine mandates. For medical reasons, I was unable to receive a covid-19 vaccine and my work forbade me from returning to the office for more than a year. It impeded my work and caused significant disruption. I hope that you take steps to help others from experiencing the same issue in the future.

Amanda Gottfried
Self
Prosper, TX

A private employer should never be allowed to mandate a Medical treatment for any employee, including vaccination of any kind. We have also seen that the Covid vaccine is not necessarily effective in preventing the infection or spread of the virus. It is important to consider that all people have different metabolic challenges, and that some persons may not be able to receive vaccines or should choose not to for religious or other reasons. We have to allow people the individual right to choose what is best for them and not allow an employer to make medical decisions on behalf of a person.

Kim Holley, Mrs.

Self- excellent in biology & immunity

Abbott, TX

The inserts in the "vaccine" vial - are blank.

Different batches.. are causing no negative effects.

However. Some shots /vials / batches of these shots cause either immediate or gradually showing up effects, long term effects... or actual death of an individual - either immediate, gradual - over days, weeks, months-

Also, embalmers - worldwide - are documenting extremely troubling - NEVER before seen rubbery blood clots extracted from the corpses of those of all ages who were given the shot .. Covid-19 shot.

There is also documentation show the mRNA shots CHANGE the person's DNA. Neurological problems occur. Deaths occur.

The legislature has the ability to bring forth theseFACTS.

YOU legislators & Senators NEED to WATCH in its ENTIRETY. YOU, more than likely, have multiple. friends and family with huge, life changing effects. Open your eyes! Give all employers, etc no liability in regards

Mitzi Dillman

Self

Amarillo, TX

No one should be requiring this injection that is not effective or safe. The public and medical professionals have no idea of the long term consequences of this MRNA technology.

Cheryl Wilkerson

Self RN

Blanco, TX

Please support this bill! I was refused any exemption and lost my job 2 years ago!! Workers were already understaffed and I am an experienced nurse. It's too bad even those in government positions value their own health so little.

Nancy Cramblit

Self

Colleyville, TX

This bill needs to be completely INCLUSIVE rather than limiting only Covid related mandates please include "any and all" vaccines, shots or medical procedures ...these rights come from God Almighty alone. Your oath to support and defend the Constitution is broken if you do not free Americans from this health care tyranny.

Faith Martin

Self

Waxahachie, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Faith Martin

Denise Wilson
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

I am asking you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,
[YOUR NAME]

Rachel Horton
Myself
Weatherford, TX

I am in favor of the bill as laid out (inclusive of committee subst.). Codifying protections for employees is fully within the purview of the State. If we can make Texas a Right to Work State, making anyone hireable regardless of personal affiliation with labor unions, or organizations, we can absolutely mandate these protections from the state to defend the personal medical affiliative choices of individuals seeking employment.

Science proves only that vaccines establish permanent, irreversible neurological pathways into the body of an individual impacting the immune system. Whether the effects are a positive improvement or create an adverse impact to the individual is a hit or miss proposition even amongst experts in the medical community.

From a right to work perspective, requiring employees to be vaccinated no matter their personal medical condition, their personal lifestyle off the clock, or a personally held religious conviction establishes a tyranny of the employer vs. the employee's bodily health & autonomy. It also constitutes an extreme invasion of the employer into the "off the clock" lives of their personnel.

Whereas dress codes & standards of cleanliness can be changed the moment an employee steps off the clock, a vaccine requirement cannot be shed so lightly. Vaccine injections should never be a standard that employers may set either for employment applications nor as a fireable offense. I fully support the rights of Texans to determine their own standards of health and to freely exercise their individual rights to medical liberty.

Denise Wilson
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

I am asking you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,
Denise Wilson, Marine Mom

Jamie Levine
Self
Celina, TX

Prohibit all vaccine mandates including Covid-19

William Metteauer
self - marketing
Tyler, TX

I support this bill. I don't want to see employers mandating vaccines or any kind. (not just viruses called Covid-19). Do not allow "wiggle language" in the enforcement of this bill!

Melinda Olinde

self

Magnolia, TX

Please stop all covid mandates! Choose life, not death from the covid shots! If this continues, Texas is a total communist state!! The Israel poster boy for all children to get vaccinated just recently died. He had a heart attack and drowned in the bathtub! 8 years old! Heartbreaking! I'm so sick of people being diagnosed with cancer who took the jab, multiple jabs and so many falling over dead!! People were never falling over dead from getting covid! Citizens have been so deceived! Look at Mary Lou Retton on life support from the jab! So much senseless death! Young healthy people dying is not normal!

When is drunk Dave Phelan going to be knocked off his throne? What an embarrassment to Texas! He is no more of a Republican than me being a democrat! I feel our state is lost. Ken Paxton is the only politician fighting for Texas! I'm so glad this trial went forward to expose the Uniparty in the House.

We all know the covid shot was NEVER about your health, but about control and turning Texas to a communist state! Stop all employers from mandating the shots and stop all the money these employers are getting!

I support Texans For Vaccine Choice and Rebecca Hardy and Carrie Bigford are fighting so hard for Texans who choose LIFE over DEATH!

Thank you,

Melinda Olinde
Montgomery County
Precinct Chair 89

Kelly Geissler

Self

Celina, TX

Medical decisions are personal. There are risks that can be life altering with any medical treatment or medicine, thus no person should have to take a vaccine in order to maintain their job. It is unethical to the core. The COVID vaccine has had more adverse events in the last many years in comparison to other vaccines. The complications include neurological, autoimmune, myocarditis and death in otherwise health and in many cases trained athletes.

There should be NO mandate for any of these vaccines from any employer.

darlene Pogue

self - retired citizen

Waxahachie, TX

I am asking you to pass SB 7 to prohibit private employers from mandating covid-19 vaccines.. This is a free country and each citizen should be able to choose their own treatments or disease preventions.

Thank you, Darlene Pogue

Madeline Schimmels, CPNP-AC

Self

Belton, TX

I am writing to you today to ask you to not only consider prohibiting private employer COVID-19 mandates, but protecting Texans' right to informed consent and choice of medical freedom without penalty.

As a board certified Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, I have witnessed the devastating effects of forced medical intervention personally and professionally. Neither my health, or anyone else's, should be dictated by anyone other than that individual and their provider - in private. I have been ridiculed and bullied into forced medical intervention to maintain my job, otherwise known as my family's financial lifeline.

Please stop allowing Big Pharma and other business to dictate personal medical intervention. I'll leave you with this - invasive intervention is NOT without risk.

Jennifer DeVol

Self

Prosper, TX

Please allow us the option to choose what goes into our own bodies - no mandates on any vaccine, not only covid but anything else we may not want to inject into our bodies - flu, meningitis, gardasil, or anything new that they create in the future as well. If they did it with the covid vax they can do it with anything else new as well that we may not want in our bodies. This includes for employers, schools, hospitals, military, etc. anything and everything should be our choice and not mandated on us - freedom is freedom to choose what we want to do, not someone else choosing for us!

Kimberly Peace

Self

Amarillo, TX

I am a RN and a child of God, I also live in the land of the free. By enforcing the mandate that I have to be vaccinated you are taking my freedoms away. I have the right to choose what goes into my body. Time after time it has been proven the vaccine causes harm and death. Pass SB-7 now

Lori Garrison

Self

Ranger, TX

Remember "My body, my choice" used to justify killing the unborn? I Do. My body My choice- No Forced drugs. No Forced vaccines!!!

No person should be Forced by the Government to inject anything into their body.

Texas should not be forced to take any vaccine in order to keep their job to provide for their family!! No exceptions.

Any employer trying to force anyone to take a vaccine should have penalties!!!! Protect Texas from this injustice.

Jennifer Fleck

self

Spicewood, TX

Please prohibit the forcing of a medical treatment/job/pharmaceutical on anyone by anyone. Neither the government or private employers or schools or anyone should have the right to do this. 2020 set a horrific precedent for overreach and trampling of rights and freedoms. May it never happen again. Trust was shattered amongst the People.

Diana Richards

Self

Sherman, TX

Thank you for allowing me to express my testimony FOR SB4. I do know individuals who were fired from their job for refusing the Covid-19 vaccination even though they had a doctor's letter stating that they are allergic to 1 or more ingredients. I agree with testifiers today who asked for the language to be expanded for all vaccines. I personally have 3 genetic disorders (1 rare and 2 common) that were absolutely not considered during the limited testing done on these vaccines. Medical Freedom is a human right. Please pass SB4 out of committee today and onto Calendars Committee.

Stacie Greene

self

San Antonio, TX

I would like to express my support for passing SB7. No medical procedure should be allowed to be forced on anyone to hold a job.

Please pass this bill out of committee to prevent any business from forcing this medical procedure on their employees.

Thank you,

Stacie Greene

Elizabeth Rich

Self - Realtor

Plano, TX

Pass this bill. Texans should have a choice what they put or get injected into their bodies. The COVID-19 vaccines have plenty of proof they do not work and have many side affects.

Rachel Lopez

self

Austin, TX

I've witnessed personally many side effects from these shots. I have seen 2 young adults pass out suddenly indoors (different cities) & were both taken away by an ambulance. Luckily both lived, but I worry about their long-term health. I know a relative with blood clots & a close friend of a family member with early onset dementia (that individual had to retire early from working). I know of 2 older retired gentlemen who both passed away earlier this year from sudden cancers where both of them died within a week or 2 of the diagnosis. Most people I know who have had the shots get sick on a regular basis & some have had other sudden ailments. I could go on, but I think this leaves a clear picture that these Covid shots are not safe.

I believe everyone should have the personal freedom to decide their own medical decisions. It shouldn't be forced or sneakily coerced in ANY way, & it never should have been treated with a "1 size fits all" approach. Unless there is firm law established, the heads of many organizations are sadly too misinformed & have made irresponsible decisions for others' health. I hope & pray this comes to an end very soon.

Thank you,

Rachel Lopez

Nancee Chambers, Mrs

Self

Dallas, TX

NO to any vax mandate. We have all witnessed many, many vax injuries in family and friends. From heart damage to cancers.

Patty Cox, Mrs.

Self

Keller, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Sarah Reichardt

self

Keller, TX

I support this bill. Texans should not fear losing their employment or the ability to participate in society by refusing a vaccine.

Susan Bell

self

Comfort, TX

SB 7

As far I am concerned, ALL forms of vaccine mandates should be outlawed.

Keep up the GOOD FIGHT and keep Big Government out of our lives

Greg Paul

Self - wastewater treatment plant mentor

TAYLOR, TX

ALL things relative to the doctor patient relationship are to remain private, no place for government involvement!!!

Receiving vaccinations is a matter chose. Private employers have no right to mandate any vaccines including COVID-19 vaccines.

Emily Pauly

self

Fischer, TX

Focus on the work you have been tasked to do by the Governor by advancing medical liberty bills. Texas should be leading the nation in ensuring our workers are free from medical tyranny -- not using political maneuvers to stall legislation like SB 7. There is much data available at this point to dispute the safety and efficacy of the Covid shots. Protect Texans from being forced to take these vaccines -- which are about promoting control and NOT about protecting health.

Mary Martin-Donaldson, RN

Self

Amarillo, TX

Quickly pass SB7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID 19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Mary Donaldson

Stephanie Visconti Cosgrove, Mrs.

Self

BULVERDE, TX

Please stop this invasion of our humans rights. There is 0 reason anyone should be forced to take a vaccine, pill, eat etc anything against their will.

That should be considered a Crime against humanity.

Debbie Pepin

self

Austin, TX

do NOT limit this to Covid 19 - there can be new names, new viruses, news vaccinations; make this bill not allow a private employer mandate personal choices

Kelsie Butler

Self

Prosper, TX

NO one should be able to force a medical procedure on anyone. A vaccine is a private matter between a patient and a doctor. No company, hospital, school, government entity or any business should be able to force a medical procedure on anyone so that they can work. Texas prides itself on its freedoms. It is unconscionable that Texas would allow anyone to force a vaccine on someone, especially one that has had and continues to have severe side effects. It is unbelievable that we are even having to have this conversation. It is absolutely abhorrent that people's livelihoods have been taken away from them strictly because they have been forced to have a vaccine with adverse side effects and quite frankly one that doesn't work the way it shouldn't or not work. NO one should have to make that decision. My husband had blood clots from the vaccine. One that he shouldn't have been forced to take just so he could provide for his family. Texas MUST pass SB 7. I find it absolutely ridiculous that a state that is all about freedoms and we are even having to pass a bill such as this. NO schools (public, private or college), government entity, private/public business, or hospitals should be able to force medical procedures on anyone. NO ONE! I am appalled that so many hospitals/nursing schools or medical schools force a vaccine on anyone. "Do No Harm" is a motto of the medical professions yet they are harming the very people they are supposed to help and their own workers by forcing a covid vaccine with so many adverse effects and one that doesn't even work. Please for the love of Texas and its residents, pass SB 7. We WILL remember those that vote against this and we WILL do everything we can to vote those out that refuse to protect Texans from these egregious vaccine mandates. NO VACCINE MANDATES!!

Sebrina Reinardy

Self

Seguin, TX

Do you really think making asylum unlawful will work? NO, all you are doing is to make someone who tries to seek asylum lawfully a criminal. You will be making normally law abiding people become criminals.

Instead, make the process more accessible by rehiring and filling those 10,000 immigration jobs Trump cut and reduce the enormous backlog in the asylum.

We need to be working with Latin American countries to find solutions that will work so people don't have to leave their own country to survive. It's time to spend more in North America then giving billions overseas, especially to countries that don't even like America.

Our country was based on people seeking ayslum. And the reality is immigrants(legal and illegal) play a big part in our economy by filling jobs that Americans won't do.

Nicole Monaghan-Whittaker

Self

New Braunfels, TX

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. We moved here from Massachusetts a little more than two years ago due to Medical Freedom.

After years of advocating for our Medical Freedom rights, upon deaf ears, after years of ridicule by those that were supposed to represent their constituents, we decided our best bet would be to move to a state where we would have a fighting chance. A state that values their people and values freedom. We couldn't find a more fitting state than Texas. We can see there is still work that needs to be done to protect Texans from vaccine mandates. This is why we are writing. We moved here with employment and within a week of being here the company we were employed by decided to sell. An interview was had with the purchasing company. At the end of the interview the need for a covid vaccine was brought up. Our religious exemption was discussed. It went through the proper channels and was verbally accepted. A verbal job offer was made and accepted. A week later the company withdrew the job offer because companies they do business with were now requiring all vendors to be vaccinated. We are beside ourselves. A company accepts our religious exemption but now another company can decide this companies' business practices. What is happening in Texas? Now we are unemployed with the fear of never again being able to have gainful employment or provide for our family. We moved to the great state of Texas to escape this madness. Yet this was our reality. Please protect Texans from these vaccine mandates. Please support legislation that will make vaccine requirements illegal. Please Pass SB 7.

Pass SB 7.

Sincerely,

Nicole D. Monaghan-Whittaker

Cori Ruiz

Self

Cresson, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Cori Ruiz

Robin McCarty, Mrs

self - Inside Medical Device Sales

Flower Mound, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. I have relatives who received C19 vaccines who now have permanent heart damage due to the vaccine.

Vaccines are a personal medical choice and employment should not be subject to a health mandate by an employer.

Thank you,

Robin McCarty

Flower Mound TX 75028

William Whittaker
self
New Braunfels, TX

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Sincerely,
William Whittaker

Italia DE LA CRUZ
LUCA / Latinos United for Conservative Action
Crowley, TX

Dear Representative,

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,
Italia De La Cruz

Richard Bayless
Self
Sherman, TX

I have no criticism of the bill except that it limits its self to only COVID-19 mandates, which fails to address the next set of frightening rumors, assumptions, and theoretical outcomes.

Stefanie Sellars, Mrs

Self

Hutto, TX

Dear Representatives

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Please protect our freedom.

I fought so hard for our freedom in California for years with my son. Only to find out that pHARMA had bought our representatives.

We came to Texas in part because of the freedom here. We moved our entire family my family, my sister's family, my mother - everyone sold their real estate got jobs here and moved. Imagine doing that with your family because of medical freedom. And then the new state stalls on trying to keep that freedom...

Please think of your family, your children, your grandchildren, your great grandchildren and their futures. There is nothing more important than passing this as soon as possible.

This was the constitutional issue that founding father Geoffrey Rush wanted to put into the federal constitution but they decided against it. You have the power to fix this now. Please do.

Thank you,

Stefanie Sellars

Matt Lohr

Self (Software Tester)

Spring, TX

On March 1st, 2022, I lost a 25 year career with HP, Inc. because I refused to comply with their COVID vaccine mandate. I appealed specifically to Gov. Abbott's order GA-40, but HP ignored all that (and all other laws and ethical norms) and fired me anyway. For months before my termination, I contacted the offices of the Governor, Lt. Gov., Attorney General, and my elected legislators at Federal and State levels, but all refused to help.

I remained unemployed for a year despite actively searching for a job. This year, I finally found an entry-level position in my field but at 70% of my previous earnings.

I demand that vaccine mandates be outlawed, and I demand retroactive punitive measures against all in government and the private sector who used their various forms of authority to coerce vaccination on subordinates.

Anne Edwards

Self

Austin, TX

Pass

Kendra Mendenhall

Self

Lantana, TX

I believe in body autonomy and freedom to make one's own health decisions, unilaterally.

Maureen Hanson

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Please pass this asap- this should be easy to understand! NO MANDATES EVER for medical procedures!!!!

Sean Stevens

Self / Business Process Advisor

Richmond, TX

I am writing for my concern regarding vaccine mandates by employers. With Covid, my company mandated that we follow the guidelines administered by OSHA for Covid-19 even though the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional. I believe it was the federal government's goal to put the responsibility on employers to enforce rules that were unconstitutional for the federal government to enforce itself. It was at that time that I told my wife that we needed to be prepared for me to lose my job as I was not going to get vaccinated after watching a friend suffer from complications from his vaccination.

Many other Texans are willing to put their livelihood on the lines to prevent tyranny of being forced to put something in our body that may have a more severe affect than the risk it is supposed to reduce. Many studies now show that the pharmaceuticals lied to us about the results of safety and efficacy of the vaccines. Individuals should be able to object and consider the safety and potential mortality of a drug that does not perform as intended and causes negative consequences. Even the FDA's website is full of recalls of well-known drugs that are now well-known to have hurt many people.

I'm asking that you ban private employers from requiring vaccines as a requirement of employment for both new hires and current staff. Individual rights are paramount to our state and country and this topic is no different.

Martine Torres-Aponte

Self, retired

Austin, TX

Please amend this bill to prohibit any employer from adopting or enforcing vaccine mandates. That's all vaccine mandates by all employers. Thank you.

Angela M Smith

Fredericksburg Tea Party, Self

Fredericksburg, TX

There should be NO vaccine mandates of any kind by either private or state employers. This bill needs to be amended to strike COVID 19 and insert ALL.

Marilyn Harris

Self & husband both retired

Sanger, TX

Time for the House to pass this important legislation as is.

Otherwise you are wasting taxpayer dollars.

A US citizen should never be mandated to take any form of medication by an employer or anyone else!

Nelson James

Freedom loving Texans, believers in Constitutional government.

Cypress, TX

The wife of a long term friend died because of a Covid vaccine mandate. She worked for Walmart. She was told that she had to take the vaccine in order to keep her job. She did not want to take the vaccine but she needed her job, so she took it. Within days she had a massive stroke and heart attack. Her husband found her unresponsive. He gave her CPR until medical responders arrived. She lived for a few months, but never recovered and finally died after another stroke. This woman was in her forties. She leaves behind a grieving husband and children. These vaccines have killed and crippled people. Lawmakers, uphold the Constitution. Pass SB 7.

CARRIE SHEPPARD

self

MCKINNEY, TX

There should be no vaccine mandates for anyone anywhere. The citizens of America have the right to say what is injected into their bodies.

Aaron James, Mr

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Hello,

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,
Aaron James

Shelly Creel

Self

Prosper, TX

No employer private or government should be able to infringe on an individual rights to demand ANY vaccine in order to work. They have no idea if an individual has had medical issues with vaccines before or their religious viewpoint on vaccines.

Sharon Edwards

self

Austin, TX

Studies have shown that the adoption and enforcement of Covid mask mandates and others did not stymie the virus. Additionally, the bill should not be limited to COVID because the vaccines and and viruses could be renamed.

Please vote yes to amend and pass this bill.

Randy Ellis

Self

Irving, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,
Randy Ellis

Julie T Martin, Ms

Self

Austin, TX

COVID-19 or whatever private employers call it can no longer be enforced. We the people can make our own decisions and choices. There should be a penalty on those private employers who choose to do otherwise.

Shelley McCarty, Mrs.

Self

Aledo, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

S. McCarty

Ann Burnett

self teacher

Hale Center, TX

Dear Representative

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Thank you,

Ann Burnett

Maile Cuffel

self, homemaker

Dallas, TX

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Jason and Maile Cuffel family

Annette Henry

self - Health System Specialist

Temple, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. We must be able to make our own medical decisions. My body my "say".

If vaccinated people still can get COVID and still can pass it on, this shot is good for nothing other than MAYBE have milder symptoms. So getting a shot i am not protecting people around me anyway.

Thank you,

Annette Henry

Frank McClain
Self, Threat Analyst
Fruitvale, TX

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Cindy Luu, Dr.
self - pharmacist
Frisco, TX

Medical decisions should be made individually in collaboration with a healthcare provider. Employers are not privy to this information, as it should be, and therefore it is unethical for them to require any vaccine, especially one that has had many known adverse effects and is certainly not in the best interest for everybody to receive. On the whole, employers requiring any type of vaccine is unethical, and further alienates and isolates those individuals who must seek a signature in hopes of exemption.

I am currently battling two recently developed autoimmune diseases and I work from home with no direct contact with patients or coworkers. Yet my company is requiring all employees receive the COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations. It is most certainly not in my best interest to alter my immune system at this time, and creates an additional strain on the system to make a separate appointment with my provider to explain and have an exemption signed off on, which must be repeated annually. I urge you to consider all perspectives in this matter. Medical freedom is a right that all should have and it should be respected.

Bridget Brame
self
Georgetown, TX

My family and friends are FOR this bill. This bill would prohibit a private employer from adopting or enforcing certain COVID-19 vaccine mandates and authorize an administrative penalty.

The language includes protections against adverse actions taken by a private employer against an employee who doesn't want this "vaccine" and offers a remedy.

Alyse Meyer
LeadingAge Texas
Austin, TX

LeadingAge Texas advocates for the full continuum of not-for-profit aging services providers in Texas. The association is comprised of more than 350 members, including approximately 200 retirement housing communities, assisted living facilities, continuing care retirement communities, nursing homes, and home and community-based services providers.

Over 30,000 older Texans reside in LeadingAge Texas-member communities. Thousands more are served through home health services, day activity health centers, and other community out-reach services. LeadingAge Texas members are sponsored primarily by community-based non-profit civic, religious, fraternal, and other groups and are mission-driven organizations.

Our organization appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 7 which would prohibit COVID-19 vaccine mandates by private employers.

We are concerned a blanket prohibition on COVID-19 vaccine mandates by private employers would place our members at risk of violating staff vaccination requirements if ever reimplemented by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

We raised this concern in response to legislation filed in 2021 when the CMS staff vaccination requirements were forthcoming. Without clear language addressing this possibility or an exemption for contracted healthcare providers, members could be left with the choice of violating Medicare and Medicaid Conditions of Participation, thereby risking reimbursement and the ability to serve Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

As the Texas Legislature considers SB 7, we ask that language be included to either exempt healthcare providers or eliminate any future conflict between CMS regulations and state law. We appreciate the ability to provide feedback on this important topic and want to express our willingness to work with the author and members on this bill.

Terry Hestilow, CPT, USA, Ret.
Self, Retired U.S. Army, Soldier
Fort Worth, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

CPT Terry M. Hestilow, U.S. Army, Retired
Fort Worth, Texas
House District 91

Andy Hopper
Wise County Conservatives
Decatur, TX

I ask that we strike any language that limits the scope of this bill to coronaviruses or COVID-19 specifically. The chances that any future pandemic event or federal/CDC/WHO fire drill that threatens to shutdown our economy or displace workers will be related to COVID-19 is virtually nil: it will be a variation or another virus. If we believe that it is immoral for businesses to force their employees to undergo medical procedures that they don't want, then this bill should be generic enough to protect employees in general against unwanted vaccination. Remember, employees cannot sue employers for medical complications from mandated vaccinations so the the playground between employee and employer has already been made completely unlevel by government.

Bradley Hodges

self

austin, TX

FOR.

John Gervais

Self

Bellville, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

John Gervais

Travis Jones, MBA

self; Tech Entrepreneur

Flint, TX

Stop the namby-pamby fighting in the Texas House and specifically do not go with any *NEW* bills like Dade Phelan and Governor Abbott are trying to do. In this special session going on right now (October 16, 2023) , my family and Texans around our state heavily want to see bills prohibiting private employers from mandating COVID-19 vaccines—quite frankly, language in there must specifically include future attempts that may/or may not be related to the COVID-19 issue (even though that's the one with which we're most recently familiar, yes) ; we need protections for any time any entity would try to do something like this in the future, beyond just the COVID-19 era. Please go with State Senator Middleton's SB 7 to do this, do not "start over" during this special session. My wife and I are millennials and business-owners out here in Eastern Texas. Thank you for your consideration, God bless.

Bridget Brame

self

Georgetown, TX

This is my PART 2 of the previous comments I submitted today. The language in this bill needs to be ALL inclusive of whatever the Federal Government might choose to name all future vaccines/shots...please replace all COVID or COVID19 with "any and all generic vaccine/shot mandates".

Joanne Mainer

Self

Rusk, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Joanne Mainer

Carrie Baker
Self
Lubbock, TX

This bill must be passed ASAP! I was an employee of a Texas private employer that was fired from their job due to a covid mandate. Please make this a priority!

Lindsey Shields
self
Houston, TX

I am against this bill

Cameron Mayfield
Texas Rising
Houston, TX

I am against this bill.

Anne Markwell, Ms.
Self, Denton Co. PC Chair #2102
Dallas, TX

Quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Since individuals respond differently to medications, it's impossible to predict who may have adverse effects from Covid-19 injections. Since each individual bears the risk in his own person, each individual must retain the freedom to assess the risk factors and proceed accordingly, independent of coercion.

Diane Hubacz
Self
The Woodlands, TX
Good Morning!

I'd like to share how the vaccine mandate has affected my family of four.

My 25 year old son is a Biochemistry/Molecular Biology graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio. After much research and study, he decided not to take the vaccine. As an infant, my son had a congenital heart defect and the vaccine posed an above average risk for COVID-19–vaccine-related myocarditis in males between the ages of 16 and 29. We supported his decision, but it came with a price. He hasn't been able to obtain a job in his field as nearly all medical research organizations in Texas require job applicants to be vaccinated. The only jobs he has been able to obtain are minimum wage positions in peanut factory quality control and pharmaceutical manufacturing. Neither of these jobs require a college degree. He is still looking for a job in his field.

During the mandate, I was being treated for cancer at MDAnderson. I had finished my radiation/chemotherapy and was attending surveillance appointments at the Medical Center location. During this time, I was selected to be a member of the MDA Patient & Family Advocacy Program. The position required I be registered as a "contingent employee" at MDA for a term of three years. We conducted our meetings via ZOOM and I found it very satisfying to be giving back to the institution that saved my life. Four months into my term, we were asked to give MDA our vaccine status. I had chosen not to take the vax as I feared complicating my road to recovery following cancer treatment. Nevertheless, I was asked to resign my position with the MDA Patient and Family Program. This was very upsetting to me. I couldn't understand why, considering all of our meetings were online. Also, I frequently visited MDA for doctor visits, medical tests, and blood work, yet my presence there did not require being vaccinated. It didn't make sense, but I had no choice but to resign.

My husband works for a major oil & gas company and has been with them for 35 years. They set a deadline to get the vaccine or you would lose your job. After months, the company decided not to enforce the mandate as over half of the employees refused to be vaccinated. Only when it became evident their business would be severely disrupted by mass firings did they back off the mandate. It was a huge relief. But, the stress of this situation took a heavy toll on him. Imagine being 61, close to retirement, with a jobless son, and a sick wife who relied on our health insurance.

My other son took the vaccine and life was easy for him. He traveled freely & avoided all the no-vaccine shaming, But our relationship suffered as he chastised us for our decisions.

The worst part of "vaccine" mandate is it was created by our very own federal government.....for a vaccine that doesn't work and was never adequately tested.

Thank you, Texas Legislature for attempting to end this nightmare and restore our medical rights.

Kim Hesley
Self / Title Insurance
Rockport, TX

I am in support of this bill.

Dawn Richardson

National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) and Self

Austin, TX

My name is Dawn Richardson, I am the directory of advocacy for the National Vaccine Information Center, Thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony on behalf of myself and NVIC in favor of SB 7.

Lobbyists representing hospitals and certain health care organizations have been asking to be exempted out of the prohibitions in SB 7 because they still want to be able to mandate COVID-19 vaccines. Please reject this.

These are the worse perpetrators of the abuses on employees. This is not about health; it is about control. The willing destruction of livelihoods and even health of their employees with COVID vaccine mandates demonstrates exactly why these businesses should be held to the same standard as every other business.

The funny thing is over the past few years these very same organizations have testified against multiple bills to stop vaccine mandates incorrectly claiming vaccinated staff would prevent transmission to patients. Yet it has been shown over and over these vaccines don't prevent infection or transmission. There is no valid justification for being exempt from the prohibition on mandates.

Even the CDC on their website had to change definition of vaccine because their definition used to say "to produce immunity to a specific disease, protecting the person from that disease. They were forced to "repurpose" the definition of the word vaccine. Now the definition says a vaccine is just "a preparation that is used to stimulate the body's immune response against diseases."

As of 9/29/2023, there have been 36,324 COVID-19 vaccine deaths and 1,596,983 COVID-19 vaccine adverse events reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting system. Federal law restricts anyone from suing the manufacturers or vaccine administrators for harm caused by these vaccines.

We were lied to by the CDC about the safety, efficacy, and necessity of these vaccines and those lies were parroted by these same organizations asking legislators for special treatment.

Medical professionals who stood up to the lies were fired or their lives were made so miserable they had no choice but to quit.

This bill would put an end to this while protecting ALL EMPLOYEES in Texas.

I would also like to thank the brave and tenacious freedom defending Texas legislators who keep filing these bills to stop these mandates and don't stop and won't stop until a bill is passed. We see you and thank you. Please pass SB 7.

After that, let's talk about getting a bill passed that prohibits vaccine mandates and discrimination over vaccination status for all vaccines.

Dawn Richardson, Director of Advocacy

National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC.org and NVICAdvocacy.org)

Jonathon Heffron

self - retired

Rockport, TX

I am a constituent of Chairman Todd Hunter. While I am writing for myself only, I know there are literally hundreds of other constituents in Aransas County who share my views. The Chairman should allow this Senate Bill a fair hearing and favorably pass it out of the Committee without amendment.

Alexander Harris, Dr.

self

Spring, TX

COVID-19's long term effects are not proven. There is increased risk for myocarditis following receipt of COVID-19 vaccines. Hence any mandate by any employer is unacceptable! So I support prohibiting a private employer from adopting or enforcing certain COVID-19 vaccine mandates; authorizing an administrative penalty.

Jamie Mueller, Mrs.

Self, Manager

Seabrook, TX

This should have always been a law. This is something that should not be allowed to be dictated by your employer. What's the point of having vaccine freedoms for our kids in Texas if adults don't have the same? The truth is no vaccine should be mandated for any person ever. Vaccine efficacy is way down, and the risks outweigh the benefits for most if not all of them. It should also be required to give people possible risks and ingredients before administering a vaccine to them that they can't take back. There is also no liability for vaccine manufacturers. This is left up to our government which we know doesn't care about how a vaccine might injure or kill someone.

Steven Zewe, Sr

Self

Columbus, TX

This bill should've been passed a long time ago.

Yet it isn't broad enough and should include all vaccines not just those for Covid 19! Think Nuremberg code.

Greg Tallant, Mr

Alliance for a Safe Texas, True Texas Project, John Birch Society

Corinth, TX

It is unconstitutional overreach of power to force people to get a vaccination to secure or keep their employment, enter or use a business, especially when we know the Covid 19 vaccines have been proven to harm and kill those who took the vaccines. If we had people with integrity and high moral character in leadership in Corporations, as well as all levels of government, then this abomination of power would have never happened, but since evil people have and are trying to abuse their constitutional authority and violate the rights of U.S. Citizens, I'm asking every legislator to uphold their oath to the U.S. Constitution and Texas Constitution to Protect and Defend the rights of "We The People", because if you can't or won't, then you shouldn't be in office.

Rebecca Bruns

Medina County GOP Chair Election Integrity Committee

Mico, TX

#1: NO 'private employer' should have the legal right to FORCE an employee to INJECT or DIGEST any DRUG, 'vaccine' or otherwise.

Unless our Country begins to take strong LEGAL action against this type of behavior, it will be a JOKE. That being said, if the state of Texas has brought this topic forward for a Vote, then we better show our SPURS and make it TRULY HURT or how else will a 'private employer' know we are serious? Common sense tactics.

#2. If a 'private employer' is in fact found GUILTY of trying to enforce ANY Covid-19 related vaccine or 'otherwise', they should be fined \$1 million PER Employee.

RESULT: They will not enforce ANY form of a Covid-19 vaccine.

Linda Ricks
Self
Midlothian, TX

Dear Committee Members,
I strongly favor this bill to protect citizens from employers who want to force vaccines on employees. Covid vaccines are not proving to be beneficial and actually are presenting serious problems instead. Please get this bill out of committee for a vote. Thank you.

Lucy Frost
Self - producer / writer
Manchaca, TX

I'm a native Texan and life-long citizen of Texas.

I oppose this bill. Within those related or close to my circle of family and friends, there've been 12 deaths from Covid to date, including my partner's father, my long-time business colleague's father, and my two nephews of my friend of 20+ years.

Certain workplaces must have the freedom to determine who is employed in their workplace for the sake of public health.

Maritza Muguira
Self/retired
La Marque, TX

My name is Maritza Muguira, I'm representing myself, and I'm speaking in FAVOR of SB7. It is unconscionable that private employers are violating the Nuremberg Code. Modified RNA vaccines are experimental and dangerous. Tens of thousands of medical experts have signed the Great Barrington Declaration questioning the dangerous prevailing COVID-19 policies. Dr. Robert Malone, principal originator of mRNA technology, and other renown medical doctors are emphatically opposing using mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (gene therapies) for the general public. The number of vaccine damage reports in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) is off the charts. Please pass SB7 to put a stop to abusive employers dictating the medical care of their employees with unproven medical procedures.

Sharon Tryon
Self
Waxahachie, TX

I am for bill SB7. No employer should infringe on personal health. Nobody should have their paycheck taken away from them because they refuse a COVID-19 shot.

Helen Sue (Susie) Carter
My family
Kyle, TX

Employers should not be allowed to mandate any vaccination.

It is clear that especially Covid 19 vaccines are dangerous especially to young men.
Just like open borders, vaccine mandates are designed to destroy our citizens--especially those who love and stand for Freedom. Stop this nonsense and save our state and our nation.

Dorothy Young
Self
Nacogdocher, TX

My name is Marie Young, I am vaccine injured and I am for medical freedom. I am presenting my testimony in favor of SB7. However, I want to add opposition for the added amendment to SB7, it does not make the bill strong. It only gives freedom to private business owners while taking away the freedoms of doctors and other staff members working in health care facilities. Giving freedom to others while taking some away is no different than what we went through during the lockdowns. The point of this bill is to give freedom to hardworking American citizens, period. End of Story. Texans are back to square one with this amendment and representative Hancock, Miles, and Kolkhorst still believe the rhetoric that the unvaccinated are the high risk individuals, this is far from the case. Outbreaks are now higher among vaccinated individuals, the CDC even stopped tracking the recorded hospital rate among the vaccinated because the numbers began to grow higher among the boosted. There is an increase in myocarditis/pericarditis, infertility, seizures, autoimmune disease, turbo cancers, neurological damage, and RSV outbreaks in those who are vaccinated against COVID-19. The hospital beds will only grow and the last thing Texans want is medical staff members sick or vaccine injured, out of the job. We need our medical professionals to be sharp and healthy, they are not being respected as they should be. Representative Hancock's statement on the Texas Tribune, "We do all need to be aware that as we provide freedom for some individuals, we're taking some from others." This statement right here is a red flag, admitting to the fact it does not safeguard freedom. I'm aware that people still fear a virus after multiple transplants or being over 65 years old, but I'm here to tell you this, it is worse to be vaccinated and to 1. need a transplant and 2. being over 65. People are clotting after receiving blood donations from vaccinated individuals and people who are in need of transplants are requesting for them to be unvaccinated. The state of Maine admitted that after the shot rolled out, they made a mistake to discriminate against unvaccinated doctors, mortality rate is now highest among the elderly in Maine. Thanks to the mandate, Maine is now understaffed as well. Let's not forget the doctors that complied to the mandate but are now severely vaccine injured, can no longer practice medicine, what about them? Does anyone in the committee still want to consider them high risk individuals? Texas should live up to its motto as a "friendly" state, that means no discrimination to the doctors that fled here for medical freedom. We are not representing our citizens when we can throw vaccine injured doctors under the bus and then harass the unvaccinated while 7 million illegal immigrants are allowed into our state and NOT MANDATE an experimental drug. I support SB7 but I am asking the committee to repeal the added amendment, thank you and God bless y'all.

Mary Brown
Self
Katy, TX

Any medication in all forms should be between doctors and patients and should be an individual choice NOT BIG GOVERNMENT

Earl Mahavier
Self Retired
San Antonio, TX
Unlawful

Ellen Leyrer
Self, Retired
Plano, TX

Employers should not be allowed to dictate employees' health decisions.

Miriah Sachs
Self
Houston, TX

I am writing in favor of SB7. While I am saddened and frankly horrified that this bill is even necessary, and that it has taken more than 3 years to correct this wrong, mandated vaccines must be stopped. Bodily autonomy is an inalienable right that NO ONE has the power to override, even by use of threat, coercion or blackmail. Holding people's employment and livelihoods hostage is despicable at minimum and criminal on a number of levels. Especially for a product that has been proven repeatedly to not even prevent the disease as advertised and when all the data was deliberately withheld from the very public it was forced upon. This mess was never about health and safety as officials tried to claim, while knowingly hiding the efficacy and adverse events data. It was about greed. Protecting Texans from employer mandates is the first step in righting the wrongs of the past now almost 4 years. Please pass SB7 and ensure the barbaric mandates finally are ceased.

Christine Flynn
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I fully support prohibiting private employers from adopting or enforcing COVID-19 vaccine mandates. This practice is an assault on the employee's freedom. Such mandates should result in administrative penalties against employers that attempt to impose such mandates on their employees.

Jerome Young, DR>
SELF
THE WOODLANDS, TX

I am writing in general support of SB7. Vaccine mandates are unconstitutional. This is far overdue. HOWEVER, you must SUPPORT SB 7 but reject any amendments proposed in the House that exempt healthcare businesses out of the prohibition on employer COVID vaccine mandate.

In addition, SB 7 was amended and passed by the Senate by a vote of 19:12 on 10/12/2023. The amendments that passed include allowing a health care facility, health care provider, or physician to establish and enforce a "reasonable" policy on those not COVID vaccinated including requiring the use of protective medical equipment. We disagree with this change because it supports the false narrative that the COVID-19 vaccine prevents infection and prevents transmission. Vaccinated employees still contract and spread COVID. Furthermore it has been shown that masks DO NOT WORK :

AAPS Statement: Mask Mandates Do Not Prevent Spread of Respiratory Viruses, They Cause Harm, and Violate the Right to Informed Consent - AAPS | Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (aapsonline.org)

More than 170 Comparative Studies and Articles on Mask Ineffectiveness and Harms ? Brownstone Institute

When I was 17, approximately 1 week after graduation from high school I experienced a family tragedy that catapulted me into the medical field. I have now been in medicine, in some way shape or form, for the last 42 years. I am a practicing board-certified Obstetrics - Gynecologist for the last 26 years.

I was removed from the staff of several medical institutions and prohibited from joining others. I began the licensure process to work in Florida where these mandates were snuffed out almost as soon as they were presented. I also had proven natural immunity after contracting COVID from a vaccinated colleague. I was almost forced to abandon my calling.

While banning mandated for COVID 19 is laudable, it's inconsequential in the grand theme of things. Passing real legislation to ban ANY MANDATES for any medical therapy under EUA is real legislation and banning all vaccine mandates should be the real goal.

Why you should NOT get the flu vaccine (kirschsubstack.com)

Virginia Young
self, teacher
Spring, TX

I support SB 7 without the amendment allowing health care facilities to mandate PPE. The wearing of masks restricts oxygen and forces the individual to rebreathe carbon dioxide.

I have a Biomedical Science degree and graduate degree in Kinesiology with cardiac rehab experience, as well as experience in research in cell biology. I can find no definitive evidence that vaccination or the use of PPE aids in prevention of disease. To the contrary, they are both detrimental to a normal state of health and may be fatal. Some of the symptoms associated with the wearing of surgical masks include vertigo, increased heart rate and blood pressure, panic attacks, cardiac arrhythmias, headaches, and respiratory infections.

During the pandemic I tested oxygen saturation in a few individuals and found it dropped significantly with the wearing of a mask. The saturation elevated little when masks were removed after they had been worn for weeks. Individuals with a prior oxygen saturation of 96 percent or higher experienced a drop to 90 percent, and the level did not return to normal when the mask was removed. I believe this shift was caused by the chronic wearing of masks, and while I do not claim this to be a scientific study it was important information to the individuals experiencing the symptoms of vertigo, chronic headache and fatigue. I know I do not want my health care professional to be forced to work under those conditions. No one should sacrifice their own well-being because of someone else's fear.

It is imperative that the amendment allowing for the forced use of PPE be dropped from this bill. The unprecedented abuses of the pandemic must be stopped, and this amendment opens the door to further abuse.

Julianne Sanford
Self
Jacksonville, TX

Employers should not have the right to demand any injections into another person's body in order to remain employed.

Carolyn Lux
Self/retired
Fredericksburg, TX

I am in favor of this bill, short of banning this toxic experimental medical treatment altogether. Thank you.

Aileen Boone, Dr
Self
San antonio, TX

I am a home health PT and I was fortunate enough to work for a company that allowed a religious exemption but I believe no company should force any vaccines on employees for any reason. We deserve medical freedom. If I had been forced to vaccinate I would have quit my job and patient care would have suffered

Montie Shelton
self/retired
Huntsville, TX

No vaccine mandates by private employers or the government! It has been shown that these vaccines are neither safe nor effective and have caused many injuries and deaths. They are not a vaccine because they do not prevent one from catching the disease. In fact, they make it more likely that one will. The vaccines are pushed because they are a giant revenue producer for Big Pharma, and Bill Gates, Fachi, and others have gotten rich off of them. Fachi made \$5 million off them during the so-called pandemic. We must never give up our liberty for the illusion of safety again. We must not put our faith and trust in so-called government experts. They lie.

Mary Smith
Representing self
Arlington, TX

This bill needs to clarify that any vaccine mandates mandated by govt should not hamper businesses or people in this state from working.

Mike Jackson
self - retired
Lufkin, TX

I strongly support SB7. I would recommend that "COVID-19" be removed and prohibit employers from mandating vaccines in general. I urge the committee to make this change and pass the bill on to the house floor for a vote.

Jane Jarosz
Self
Crawford, TX

This must pass! And get rid of Phelan. He is NOT working for "we the people."

MELISSA Spence
N/A
ALLEN, TX

I don't typically like to mandate private business with gov. intervention. However, medical treatment is a personally choice between a patient and their doctor. A business should not mandate a medical treatment, especially in the case of one that was rushed to market under emergency use without full appropriate trials and testing. No one should have to choose their health over losing a job.

Deborah Davis
Self-retired
The Hills, TX

Private employer is prohibited from enforcing any vaccine in addition to Covid-19.

Mary Smith
Representing self
Arlington, TX

This bill needs to clarify that any vaccine mandates mandated by govt should not hamper businesses or people in this state from working.

Bill Mackey
self
Tyler, TX

End covid 19 mandates altogether.

Annette Findling
AWR
Lakeway, TX

Do NOT limit this to just Covid vaccines. All vaccines are not to be mandated

Charlie Edmonson, Mr.

Self

Bryson, TX

We need to be free of mandates of any kind regarding vaccines of any kind,I should have the choice to make that decision!

Franklin Blalack

Self retired

Corpus Christi, TX

This bill makes no sense at all first and foremost it intrudes upon medical professionals making choices and with that also violates the Republican principle of restraining government interference in private business. Businesses should be able to make decisions that best suits the owner and his or her employees and not be dictated to by a government entity.

James Brown

self

Rockwall, TX

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Lindsey Gilbreath

Self Medical Biller

Paris, TX

Dear Representative

I am writing to you today to ask you to quickly pass SB 7 out of committee to prohibit private employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Thank you,

Stephanie Anderson

self

Marietta, TX

Allow citizens to choose what they're putting in their bodies.

Mollie Altom

Retired

THE WOODLANDS, TX

Please vote for the SB7 by Middleton. This is so important for the State of Texas.

Whitney Riley

Self

Hondo, TX

Senate Bill 7 bans employer vaccine mandates and passed in another party-line vote of 19-12. Every person is a sovereign being. I urge the House to pass this bill and get on with the business of securing Texas for Texans. The House has not been an effective body even though the overwhelming desire of the population of Texas is to secure our border and secure elections. In addition, We the People do not recognize Dade Phelan as Speaker and do not consent to him governing.

Wendy Parlett

Self , realtor

Bowie, TX

SB 7 must pass to protect Texans from COVID tyranny!

I thank you ahead of time for your righteous vote of integrity. Sincerely,

Wendy Parlett

Louis T. Williams

Self

Live Oak, TX

Relating to prohibiting a private employer from adopting or enforcing certain COVID-19 vaccine mandates; authorizing an administrative penalty.

Jonathan Reynolds

Self, Retired

Buchanan Dam, TX

State Affairs Committee Members,

Nobody should be forced to take vaccines or any other medical treatment for any reason, including as a condition for employment. We're still remember bitter lessons regarding illegitimate vaccines such as those pushed during the "pandemic". SB-7 SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE LIMITED TO COVID-19. It should address any vaccines that any government entity or employer attempts to mandate. A person's health is between them and their doctor. Please make sure this bill has some teeth!

Respectfully, Jonathan L. Reynolds, Llano County Pct 204 Chair

Henry Stowe

Self engineer

Pasadena, TX

No to ALL vaccine mandates. The state must protect its citizens from corporations who use coercion to enforce vaccine mandates. They have no business requiring people to be forcibly injected to keep a job. This is a good bill.