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Submitted to the Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence  
For HB 609

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Hearing Date: March 15, 2023 8:00 AM

Beverly Gatlin

Self

Italy, TX

I am in support of this bill. Please vote YES.  
Thank you

Amanda Hernandez

Self/Order Management Specialist

Italy, TX

Please vote yes for this bill!

Vickie Dillow

myself

Waxahachie, TX

I am writing in support of HB609, the Medical Freedom Bill due to go before the committee on March 15. No individual should be forced to put something in their body that they do not believe they should. No business should be forced to mandate an employee/affiliate to put something in their body that they do not believe they should. Therefore, no business should be liable for not mandating a vaccine. In the name of Medical Freedom, please support this bill and protect the Freedom we have in the America/Texas to make those choices on an individual level. We have the advantage of hind sight and knowing the consequential side effects from the recent pandemic vaccine, we must learn from our mistakes and use that wisdom to protect our Freedom going forward. Thank you!

Linda Ricks

Self

Midlothian, TX

I am strongly in favor of this bill to protect business owners. As we have all seen, there is often nothing that can be done to prevent certain pandemics such as Covid-19, including lock-downs and vaccinations. The government has made very wrong decisions! Allow the people to make our own decisions. We are capable! Protect Texas Businesses.

Sharon Tryon, Mrs

Self

Waxahachie, TX

I am writing to let you know that I am in favor of this bill.

No business owner should be held responsible for a virus or any medical condition of an employee. They should not be held liable to enforce said employee to get any pandemic vaccines. This is not a business owners place to interfere with anybody's health that is an individuals responsibility. There should be medical freedom for any individual to choose what is best for their own body.

Heather Fitzgerald

Self

Azle, TX

Please do not force businesses to be the health police. That is not their role (nor is it the government's role). Time and studies and statistics have borne out the disaster of the pandemic and the vaccine. It's enough of a struggle for small businesses to get a customer base, they should not be forced to drive customers away nor be held liable for who comes through their door with potential germs. Neither the vaxx nor masks have had a conclusive positive effect. Even if they did, a business should be about business and not germ exposure.

Kandy gerulis Gerulis

Self

Santa Fe, TX

Vaccines are a joke , I thought we as Texans respect the US Constitution let's do that. Power to the people to decide. Keep govt out of personal privacy.

Jennifer Miller

Self

Weatherford, TX

No business should be held legally liable for refusing to mandate a pandemic vaccine.  
Nor should employees of that business be held liable as well.

Jennifer Kratky

self, homemaker

Magnolia, TX

I support this bill. Business owners should not be held liable for natural occurrences. We are a state of free INDIVIDUALS, meaning we have both the blessings of liberty and the responsibilities too. Citizens of Texas are capable of making their own decisions about whether they want to enter certain business venues during a "pandemic." And business owners should be free to serve the needs of their local communities and clients. Thank you.

Deanna Robertson

Self

Kingwood, TX

As a free state, individuals have freedom to go about their daily lives as they see best. Individuals and businesses have the God-given right to move about and patron without fear of social distancing, mask wearing, liability, etc. Texans can make their own decisions regarding their health and whether they can serve and/ or operate their business. Businesses have the right to open their doors and Texans have the right to make their own decisions about going into public.

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Hearing Date: March 8, 2023 8:00 AM

Lynette Lane  
Self  
Waxahachie, TX  
Vote yes

Jennifer Naber, Mrs  
Self  
Honey Grove, TX

No person should be forced to take part in a medical procedure in order to maintain employment and no business owner should have to force their employees to participate in any medical procedure to maintain employment!

Rachel Salcido  
Self  
Tyler, TX

Dear Representative,  
Please VOTE YES ON HB 609, which is scheduled for hearing in the Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee this Wednesday, March 8.

My husband and I own a business and we feel it is not right morally, ethically to force anyone into a medical procedure they don't want. I have given into medical procedures that I didn't want and have had adverse consequences that were not worth it and that I have to live with for the rest of my life.

No citizen of Texas should be coerced into a medical procedure by their employer, and no business owner should be forced into unconstitutional employment practices by unelected bureaucrats. Please vote YES on HB 609 to protect Texas businesses and their employees.

Thank you,

Janice Kimball  
self  
Corpus Christi, TX

We support this bill. No Texas business should be forced into unconstitutional employment practices. No Texan should be forced into a medical procedure by their employer.

Monica Burns, Ms  
Self  
Pearland, TX

Thank you

Alexandra Williams

Self

Conroe, TX

I am asking representatives to vote YES to HB 609. As a business owner and resident of Texas, we cannot put liabilities on Texas business to force employees into medical procedures against their will. This is unconstitutional, and it's bad for the individual and bad for Texas. No citizen of Texas should be coerced into a medical procedure by their employer, and no business owner should be forced into unconstitutional employment practices by unelected bureaucrats. Please vote YES on HB 609 to protect Texas businesses and their employees.

Claire Zadow

Texans for Vaccine Choice

Waller, TX

No citizen of Texas should be forced into a medical procedure by their employer to keep their job or as a requirement for employment, and no business owner should be forced into unconstitutional employment practices by unelected bureaucrats. Please vote YES on HB 609 to protect Texas businesses and their employees.

Samantha Teague

Self

Carrollton, TX

No citizen of Texas should be coerced into a medical procedure by their employer, and no business owner should be forced into unconstitutional employment practices by unelected bureaucrats. Please vote YES on HB 609 to protect Texas businesses and their employees. Thank you.

David Niles

Self

Lindale, TX

Please vote yes on this bill, protect small business owners.

Ester V Quesada, Mrs

Self

Kingsville, TX

Should not have to make people receive vaccines if they so chose.

Gerri Barrick

Self

Belton, TX

I now suffer from an autoimmune disorder that arose from mandated flu vaccination. I've worked in healthcare my entire career. It ended my ability to continue patient care and I had to switch jobs to be able to work again and that was after being unable to work for several years due to the damage. Any mandate for a medical procedure should be outlawed. It is against human rights.

Calvin Luck

Apothecary Shoppe

Kerrville, TX

If we have learned anything from the recent pandemic, it should be that government mandates are counterproductive and injurious to both individuals and businesses. Furthermore, forcing business owners to enforce such mandates strains already limited resources. And last but certainly not least, Texas is rapidly becoming the last bastion of personal liberty and as such we should do everything in our power to limit overreach by any government entity, be it local, state or federal.

Meredith Brennan

Self

McKinney, TX

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No citizen of Texas should be coerced into a medical procedure by their employer, and no business owner should be forced into unconstitutional employment practices by unelected bureaucrats. Please vote YES on HB 609 to protect Texas businesses and their employees.

Justin Walsh

self

Darrouzett, TX

My name is Justin Walsh and I am a voting citizen of the State of Texas, I am contacting you in support of HB 609. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee this Wednesday, March 8.

No citizen, nor their children, should be coerced into a medical procedure by their employer. Medical treatments are specific to each individual and a "cookie cutter" mentality that assumes the medical treatment is safe and effective for all is sure to fail. And a failure in this case can lead to serious medical complications and even death.

Additionally, no business owner should be forced into UNCONSTITUTIONAL employment practices by UNELECTED bureaucrats.

To all of those that have been elected to represent Texans and that have the responsibility and privilege to vote on this bill, please vote YES on HB 609 to protect Texas businesses and their employees.

Thank you,

Justin Walsh

Susanne Salas

Myself

Houston, TX

I worked in pharma for more than 25 years. All healthcare companies and organizations, if for profit or not, can force their employees AND CONTRACTORS to take medical procedures such as vaccinations of any kind, including but not limited to the covid shot as condition for hiring, employment or doing business.

In the state of Texas, we need a law that stops such discrimination and interference with medical freedom and civil rights as well as with medical privacy laws.

No employer, agency, government entity, healthcare service provider, hospital, business partner should be allowed to inquire about any vaccination status or require proof there of, even if the employer, business, healthcare, hospital, government entity is located outside of the state of Texas and the employee, contractor or business partner is a Texas resident.

Most pharma companies and health care providers as well as insurance companies are organizations with headquarters and affiliate branches in other states outside of Texas.

Regardless of their location, this law should apply whenever a resident of Texas is affected by it.

Employment practices show proof of discrimination (numerous examples of job postings across job boards such as LinkedIn show that vaccination status is a condition for employment. Smaller companies that want to do business (e.g. provide contractors) with larger companies have to get their employees vaccinated).

These discriminating business practices of mandating vaccines need to stop—!

Tamala Davies, Mrs.

Self

Round Rock, TX

No citizen of Texas should be coerced into a medical procedure by their employer, and no business owner should be forced into unconstitutional employment practices by unelected bureaucrats. Please vote YES on HB 609 to protect Texas businesses and their employees.

Roxanne Stage

Self

Cleveland, TX

I had to leave my job of 36 years because of the vaccine mandate. My income is 1/3 of what I used to make. It is difficult to pay bill and taxes when you have to leave a good paying job over an experimental shot that is proving to be harmful over time to many people that received it. This should never happen again. It is a 4th Amendment violation and it is against the Nuremberg Code.

Gabriela Ahlheim

self

Azle, TX

I urge all committee members involved during the hearing to vote Yes on HB609. No one should ever be forced to surrender their livelihood to a pharmaceutical product that carries multiple side effects with complete immunity from lawsuits. Also, a small business owner should not be coerced into following orders from bureaucrats, pharmaceutical lobbyists or non-legislative organizations such as the CDC and WHO. I strongly support HB609 and request a Yes vote. Thank you.

Mary Trombley, Mrs  
Self. Prosecutor  
Friendswood, TX

Vote YES.

Persons should always have the right to refuse medical intervention, especially if it involves invading the integrity of the body. Small business should not be involved in forced governmental mandates exposing their employees to detrimental consequences brought about by greedy corporations.

Mark Graca  
Self-Airline Pilot  
The Colony, TX

Please vote yes on this bill! We have been subjected to a false narrative from the beginning. With no accountability in these matters- we should never have to comply with this ridiculousness.

Benjamin Spivey  
Self  
Spring, TX

Dear Representatives,

The Covid shot produced immediate and lasting long term side effects in me and many others I know.

Mandating anyone take this experimental shot violates personal authority over one's body. I am responsible to work, pay my bills, and support myself as we each are. No one can be forced ethically to take a shot that is prove to either disable them from working or risk losing their livelihood. This was a great evil that happened in 2021 to give many people option with blanket, reckless mandates. All mandates should be banned in the future.

Ben

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Self  
Spring, TX

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Mandating anyone take this experimental shot violates personal authority over one's body. I am responsible to work, pay my bills, and support myself as we each are. No one can be forced ethically to take a shot that is proven to either risk disabling them from working or risk losing their livelihood. No one has investigated why some batches had 10-100x higher risk of long term adverse reactions. This was a great evil that happened in 2021 to give many people no option with blanket, reckless mandates. All mandates should be banned in the future.

After we had BLM advocates calling for vaccines targeting white people in 2020, this also raises a grave ethical issue that these shots might have targeted people low on CRT intersectionality scores.

Ben

Sally Tutor  
Self, homemaker  
Burnet, TX

Please support HB 609. By protecting businesses from liability you are protecting Texas' citizens from being coerced into medical treatments to which they object. No one should be forced to receive a shot or other medical intervention.

Catherine Siever

Self

Austin, TX

No medical vaccine or procedure should be mandated by an unelected body for citizens or businesses in the great State of Texas making the business owner liable for an individuals exposure to a pandemic disease. This harms small businesses and puts mom and pops out of business and is an assault on liberty of the individual citizen.

Thank you,

Catherine Siever