

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Submitted to the Committee on State Affairs
For SB 29

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Hearing Date: May 10, 2023 8:00 AM

Marvin Ortez
self
Spicewood, TX

I support SB 29. Please vote to pass it. Thank you and God bless you.

Kathy Haigler
Sekf - Election Consultant
Dale, TX

I SUPPORT SB29.

Shane Saum, Mr.
self
lago vista, TX

I am writing in Support of SB 29. In addition to individual liberty, this bill will help remove additional burdens on businesses and schools if future government interference were to occur as it relates to COVID-19.

k holt
self
SMITHVILLE, TX

Please protect Texans from vaccine mandates! K. Holt Bastrop County

Amanda Logan
self
Austin, TX

Please SUPPORT this bill! Not only for covid, but this needs to be expanded to cover any future pandemics for whatever the next virus is for the 2024 election. Texans should never be subjected to masks or business closures again, which were proven to be HIGHLY INEFFECTIVE and caused a huge amount of damage to private businesses, children who were forced to be locked in their houses and masked and problems in their socialization, in their schooling and caused a large increase in suicides. Please support and amend this to apply to any illness, not just COVID-19.

Michael McKee

Self

Tomball, TX

Please ensure that no individuals are forced to be vaccinated or forced to wear a mask, against their will and against scientific reason. There is no evidence to support a vaccine or mask mandate for Covid-19. Let individuals choose for themselves what precautions they wish to take for whatever health risk they deem to exist.

Jennifer Mobbs

Self

Tyler, TX

Dear Members: Please Support SB 29. It is PAST Time to support SB 29, we have all seen what mandates have done to Texans and our wonderful State. Let's move on from this and protect our future. I am asking every single Member to SUPPORT SB 29. Thank You.

Betsy Reeder

None

Woodway, TX

This is Crazy!

I hope your family will never suffer from any communicable disease.

My brother is STERILE due to mumps contracted as an older teen.

This law is crazy not to protect school children and prevent the spread of disease. What will be next?

Mike Jackson

self - retired

Lufkin, TX

I fully support SB 29. I urge the committee members to favorably pass this bill.

Marlow Newton

Self

The Woodlands, TX

I am in complete support of this bill. The government should never again implement or enforce a vaccine mandate or masks. These are personal medical choices that should remain as individual freedoms and parental rights. In addition, the government should be prohibited to for business or school closure to prevent spread of COVID 19. This proved to be severely detrimental to individual's livelihood, state economics and children's learning. The damage caused is somewhat irreversible. Therefore, should be prevented from happening again through the passing of this bill.

Amy De Rosa

Self

Harker Heights, TX

Support

Brad Logan

self - small business owner

Austin, TX

Please support SB 29. Forcing a vaccine should be unlawful. Federal, state and local governments forced vaccines, mask mandates, and lockdowns that bordered on communist type of enforcement. No person should be forced to take a vaccine.

Roger Hall
self
Ingram, TX

We cannot allow agencies to infringe on private health decisions and affect the livelihood of citizens ever again. Please put these safeguards for citizens in place.

Tim Kane
self; retired
Tyler, TX

I strongly support this bill to prohibit vaccine mandates. Shots are an individual decision & should not be coerced!

susan Lucas
self retired
BRYAN, TX

Please Vote in support of this bill and out of committee TODAY

Rebekah Adams
Myself
MCKINNEY, TX

As a conservative Texas mom, public school teacher, and concerned citizen, I urge you to pass this bill out of Committee, and support it into law once on the Senate floor. My family was directly impacted by the COVID vax mandates. The mandates violate individual rights protected by our founding documents. NO VAX MANDATES ever again.

Richie Grant
Self
Texarkana, TX

In this case it is my body my choice. Vaccines have proven detrimental and .asks useless. But NO ONE put government or governors in charge of personal health. This is tyranny. There is no room for this egregious overstep of government . You are not our parents! You are responsible. ow for the 40% increase in deaths(not due to covid) due to these draconian measures resulting in multitudinous 'sudden' deaths. Fight back. Do the right thing. Pass this bill and show you see this as a massive overstep.

Kimberly Galland
Self/CPA
Bryan, TX

I urge you to vote YES on this bill to prevent losing our freedom and jobs over a virus that is easily treated. We should have the freedom to determine our own health decisions and closing schools and business do nothing but hurt our economy and mental health.

Dorothy Smith, Legislative Chair
NCRW
Nacogdoches, TX

Lockdowns not only hurt businesses but they impair a child's natural growth and maturation. Please urgently pass this out of committee. Thank you for your service.

Steve Smith
self
Georgetown, TX

The intent of SB 29 appears to be that it apply to all governmental entities (e.g., all independent school districts). However, the bill defines "governmental entity" to mean "this state, a local government entity as defined by Section 418.004, Government Code, or an agency of this state or a local government entity. Section 418.004 of the Government Code defines "local government entity" to mean "a county, incorporated city, independent school district, public junior college district, emergency services district, other special district, joint board, or other entity defined as a political subdivision under the laws of this state that maintains the capability to provide mutual aid." Therefore, an independent school district that does not maintain "the capability to provide mutual aid" is not covered by the bill.

More importantly, the Texas Supreme Court heard oral arguments in February 2023 in several cases (e.g., 22-0124--Abbott v. Harris County) that challenge the Governor's authority under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 to ban local government entities from requiring masks. SB 29 would immediately moot those cases and deny the Court an opportunity to opine on the important legal questions presented by those cases.

JUDY BEARD

Self
Tyler, TX

SB 29 needs to be passed. No government should be allowed to force a person to be vaccinated against their will or force parents to have their children be vaccinated, parents should be the one to decide what is best for their child.

Q Carbonero
N/A
Plano, TX

PLEASE PASS

Dawn Guerriero
self
Dallas, TX

Keep people free!! no government mandates on vaccines, masks or private closures!!!

Sharon Jones
self/business owner
The Colony, TX

Please pass SB12 and SB29.

Anna Bartosh
self
San Angelo, TX

Please pass this Bill, SB 29 out of committee.

Thank you,
Anna Bartosh

Jennifer White, Dr
True Texas Project
Frisco, TX

As members of a free society, the government should not have the authority to impose regulations such as vaccination mandates . These are a matter of personal responsibility and should be left to the individual. Furthermore, government should be prohibited from closing private businesses and effecting the livelihood of the business owner

Please pass this bill out of committee and on to a vote

Hugh Soape, Mr.
All Texans !!!
Troup, TX
Pass SB-29 !!!

Texans are not guinney pigs and should Never be mandated to take any type of vaccine against their will !!!

David Cantrell
Self
Murchison, TX

Please support our right to personal health integrity and not forced mandates against our will. Thank you.

Robert Wilson, COO
HR by the Hour
Tyler, TX

The government was wrong to impose mandates and had wrong data to support their lies. We do not need mandates and please pass this bill to stop mandates.

Cathy Stroud, Mrs
Self
Gainesville, TX

This needs to be passed ASAP. We live in the USA. This should not even be questioned. This is a fundamental right of Americans to have these choices. There is no purpose in masking for this virus. This is a matter of our rights and just common sense. Please pass and influence others. Thank you for serving.

James Ransdell
Self
Seguin, TX

"The implementation of mask mandates was a mistake and we must take action to prevent another COVID-19 lockdown. I urge you to pass this bill to protect us from the harmful effects of such mandates."

Monica McCrory
Rep Precinct 396 Chair
Georgetown, TX

"Land of the FREE. Home of the BRAVE." Our Bible says 356 times words such as, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of love." (2 Timothy 1:7), and "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

ALSO, the Bible tells Christians to 'Trust God, Not Man.'
(Proverbs 29:25, ESV) The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe. (Isaiah 51:12, NLT) I, yes I, am the one who comforts you. So why are you afraid of mere humans, who wither like the grass and disappear? (Matthew 10:28, ESV)
And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

Forcing individuals to wear masks, take vaccines, or close their business out of fear, removes our Right to trust in God and violates fundamental principles of the Constitution.

Catherine v, Mrs.
self
College Station, TX

This bill shouldn't even be necessary, but sadly the experience of the COVID 19 debacle has proven that it is indeed necessary. Political leaders should never have the right to decide which businesses are "allowed" to stay open and which should not, nor should citizens have to give up their right to their own body by government forced mandated vaccines or masking. I SUPPORT SB 29. Please pass this out of committee as soon as possible.

Jody Quimby
Self Retired
Bryan, TX

I strongly support SB 29 to prohibit vaccine mandates, mask mandates or lock downs for COVID-19. The mandates and lock downs previously experienced for COVID-19 have proven to have been an over reaction without scientific basis and totally unnecessary. Please support this bill and vote it out of committee as soon as possible.

debbie pepin
True Texas Project
Austin, TX

NO mandates ever - not about vax or masks or where we can and can't go. We are adults - Americans - Texans - and can make good choices. Government should not do that for us!

Elise Turner
self
Dallas, TX

I am in favor of SB 29

Bridget Brame
self
Georgetown, TX

My family and friends STRONGLY SUPPORT this Bill. Please ELIMINATE VACCINE MANDATES.

Amy Bewley
Self
Carrollton, TX

Please vote yes to pass SB 29 favorably out of the State Affairs Committee on Wednesday, May 10.

This bill protects Texans' freedoms and preserves equity in the marketplace. Let's learn from the horrible mistakes of 2020/2021 and prevent them from happening again.

Thank you,
Amy Bewley

Susanne Salas
Self, Realtor, 30-year veteran of pharmaceutical industry
Houston, TX

Dear State House Affairs Committee Chair and dear State House Committee members,

I ask you to support SB 29 for the removal of government mandates for Covid vaccination requirements and the wearing of masks.

Government covid vaccine mandates are hurting our economy, our children in public institutions, our military and our national guard.

Clinical studies have shown that masks did not and do not prevent the spread of covid. Covid vaccines' efficacy was misrepresented by their manufactures. It was not nearly as good as it was advertised and there were serious flaws in the vaccine studies that are now being disclosed.

Different population groups carry different risks for covid infections. Covid Vaccine Mandates treat all population groups the same, regardless of their individual risk factors for serious disease from a covid infection.

Since it is now established that covid vaccines carry significant health risks themselves in particular for myocarditis in young adults who are not at risk for serious disease from a covid infection, mandates make no sense. Data proves that covid vaccines have harmed more people than they have protected.

Under our constitution, it should always be a health care provider chosen by the patient who decides if a vaccine is suited for his patient NEVER the government. The decision to any medical procedure should always include the free will and based on INFORMED CONSENT of the individual and should never be pushed on a person by intimidation, force, threat or by disadvantaging the individual in the work place or in society with regards to access to healthcare, government services, freedom to use transportation such as airplanes, etc. There is NO informed consent even to this day as the manufacturers of covid vaccines have not issued package inserts to the vaccines to inform health care providers and patients of potential risks and benefits of their covid vaccines.

I ask you to get rid of government covid vaccine and mask mandates.

I ask you to pass SB 29.

Thank you for your support and God bless!

Susanne Salas

Rachel Weber

Self

Austin, TX

Please pass SB 29 to prohibit government entities from implementing any further COVID mandates. From my observation, my neighbors are perfectly capable of taking responsibility for their own health. When COVID headlines came out, I saw every person outside the grocery store wearing masks long before such was mandated by either the local government or any businesses. However, soon after government mandates intervened, the result was increased difficulty for many civilians for which a one-size-fits-most method would not work. Among my neighbors, I discovered different people had different limits on how long they could wear their masks before low oxygen levels put their lives at risk. Such differences could be by a wide margin. I knew at least three people who had oxygen difficulty if they kept the mask on for only a couple hours. The point is that a one-size-fits-all is a dangerous approach when it comes to protecting human health, from my observation. I could tell similar stories of how the lockdowns affected mental health, increasing drug abuse and suicide. That does not yet mention the economical dangers that manifested as well. A one-size-fits-all is what a government COVID mandate comes down to, and that will not work when it comes to the many shapes and forms of individuals' health and economic situations. As I've stated at the beginning of this message, a rational human has an incentive to protect one's own health, and they will do so in the optimal manner without the need of government interference. The optimal thing for one's health is not necessarily what the politicians or government-hired experts say. No single politician or government-hired expert is in the position to say that a health mandate is the solution for every person. However, you are definitely in the position to stand up for our individual freedoms. You will be commended if you do. Block any further COVID mandates and let individuals take responsibility for their own health.

ALEX ROBINSON

self, social worker

Austin, TX

Please pass this bill!

Steve Horwitz, Dr

Self

Rowlett, TX

I am writing to you today to ask you to please VOTE YES to pass SB 29 favorably out of the State Affairs Committee on Wednesday, May 10.

Without legislation to protect Texans from continued COVID lockdowns and mandates, we will be unable to lift emergency orders without risking local governments trying to force masks, vaccines and closures again

Brian Fitzgerald

Self

Nacogdoches, TX

Please pass this out of committee. The Federal government should not tell us what to do. We should be independent.

Darla Ingram

self - "concerned grandparent"

Amarillo, TX

Please pass this bill, SB 29, out of committee!!

Gina Musachia

self

Katy, TX

Texans and all Americans should not be forced to mask up and be injected with a vaccine . They should not be forced to shut down their business and livelihood.

Without legislation to protect Texans from continued COVID lockdowns and mandates, we will be unable to lift emergency orders without risking local governments trying to force masks, vaccines and closures again.

Jennifer Ozuna

Self/ex teacher/math tutor/mom

Lakeway, TX

Kids in this country are still going to school masked. We know the harms. Vote against mandates. Government should not be allowed to do this or force anyone to be vaccinated

Tim Moon

Me

Lakeway, TX

Never again!

Julianna Gelderloos, Mrs

Self

Joshua, TX

I became an RN 27 years ago. I absolutely love taking care of my patients. My patients love me too, often thanking me for taking the extra step to ensure they are cared for. It is exceedingly difficult and unnecessary that I am still forced to wear a mask, impeding my ability to fully face my patients, which creates the closest connection.

There is now plenty of evidence that natural immunity is superior to vaccination. Additionally, the sharp increase in sudden deaths of those age 30-65 after the vaccine program was implemented certainly calls into question its safety.

How can you continue to mandate the COVID vaccines or measures to dehumanize those abstaining, when both safety and efficacy are questionable at best?

Karissa Collins

Self

Kaufman, TX

YES SB 29

It's against ethics to force anything on and into their bodies.

Yes would mean decreasing government over reach which is safest for all.

Jonathan Reynolds
Self
Buchanan Dam, TX

Dear House State Affairs Committee

Please pass SB-29 out of committee quickly. The lockdowns and vaccines and mask mandates in Texas during during the COVID-19 pandemic were nothing more than massive government overreach at all levels. These policies empowered businesses to legitimize these overreaching mandates for their employees and customers. At the same time many businesses were destroyed by these destructive policies and our freedoms, rights and liberties were trampled on. Lockdowns, vaccine and mask mandates in Texas must NEVER EVER happen again for any reason, pandemic or otherwise. Please pass SB-29 out of committee quickly. Thank you for your timely and conscientious attention in this matter.

Respectfully,
A very concerned Llano County Conservative voter.

Monica Dumke, Ms
Self
Justin, TX

NO mandates! No mandates for vaccines or injections of any kind. No mandates for masks or other self-limiting devices. No mandates for public closures.

Arleen Villapadierna
Self
San Antonio, TX

Dear Senator Birdwell,

I almost lost my job for not getting a covid shot. Not to mention the undue shame and humiliation I endured for almost a year by having to wear a mask, get tested and I was forced to keep people 6 feet away from me. This was after the US Supreme Court struck down President Biden's forced covid vaccination and testing for companies over 100 employees on January 13, 2022. I sit here crying at my computer reliving that horrible time. So I am asking you to please help us by VOTING YES to pass SB 29 favorably out of the State Affairs Committee on Wednesday, May 10. Forgive me for repeating myself but this is for my safety and for the safety of other Texas.

Without legislation to protect Texans from continued COVID lockdowns and mandates, we will be unable to lift emergency orders without risking local governments trying to force masks, vaccines and closures again.

Thank you,

Arleen Villapadierna

Cynthia Caton
Self
Richardson, TX

For heavens sake! Freedom! No government should itself compel or allow another entity to coerce or compel citizens to be forced to accept medical treatment against their will.

I can't believe this is even a question.

Michael Short
Self
Brookeland, TX

Please pass SB29. Prohibit governmental vax mandates, mask mandates, or lockdowns for COVID-19.

Laurie Gantt
We The People Lake Travis
Lakeway, TX

It is devastating to the human body to cause carbon dioxide inhalation reducing the immune system ability to be in a stable posture but instead the basic immune strengthening wisdom needs to be given communicated like taking vitamin C, D3, Zinc.Let's get back to the basics of how God made us TO OPERATE!!!!!!!

Alisa Griffis
Self
MURCHISON, TX

Please vote yes for this important bill! We need no vaccine mandates, mask mandates, school closures, nor private business closures.

Marilyn Harris
Self Retired
Sanger, TX

No more mandates for anything - including shots, masks, closures, for China flu ever!
Thank you!
Danny & Marilyn Harris

Marilyn Batten
self
Spicewood, TX

The government should not enforce or mandate any of these. We are a free people and have the right to choose. Besides, none of these worked and caused more harm than good.

Brandy Hipp, Petty Officer
Unemployed/self
Seagoville, TX

SB 29 by Birdwell
Relating to prohibited governmental entity implementation or enforcement of a vaccine mandate, mask requirement, or private business or school closure to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Alexandru Ardel
self
Austin, TX

I am totally oppose to any governmental enforcement of vaccine mandates, mask requirements and any business or school closures.
Please vote YES to SB 29

Carolyn McClugage, Precinct chair 263

Self

Leander, TX

Please vote YES on SB 29.

D.S. Zamora, Mrs.

Self - Retired

Houston, TX

I ****OPPOSE**** this bill.

Brian Birdwell has no medical expertise, nor nearly enough education, to be passing this bill.

If Dr. Hotez isn't for it, I cannot support it.

Jennifer Bliss, Dr (MD)

Self

Meadowlakes, TX

Dear Representative,

I am writing to you today to ask you to please VOTE YES to pass SB 29 favorably out of the State Affairs Committee on Wednesday, May 10.

Without legislation to protect Texans from continued COVID lockdowns and mandates, we will be unable to lift emergency orders without risking local governments trying to force masks, vaccines and closures again.

Thank you,
Jennifer Bliss, MD

Michelle Hanson

Self

Lewisville, TX

Pls pass out of committee

Sally Tutor

Self

Burnet, TX

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Thank you,
Sally Tutor

Alysson Hartmann

Self

Pflugerville, TX

Please vote against COVID mandates. They are unconstitutional, immoral, and against a persons bodily autonomy. In San Diego, CA the city recently dropped its COVID vaccine mandate due to a federal lawsuit brought by a citizens group called ReOpen San Diego that I am the co-founder of. The city of San Diego ended up paying all attorneys fees when they realized they could not win the lawsuit. You MUST do the right thing for the people of Texas.

Charlene Reagan

Self and True Texas Project

SPICEWOOD, TX

FOR SB29

Dear Committee Members,

Many people lost their livelihoods over these ridiculous mandates. Many people lost their friendships and families have been estranged over all of this mess of so-called vaccines and forced mask wearing. I have friends who were literally forced into getting the shot to keep their businesses alive. Now these friends suffer the medical side effects of those shots. We know from ACTUAL SCIENCE that the shot didn't stop people from getting sick, nor did it reduce the symptoms, nor did it stop the spread. The virus ran its course, mutated, and ran its course again despite the shot. We also know from ACTUAL SCIENCE that masks don't work to keep us well or prevent the spread of viruses. What masks did do is alienate us from one another and create more division between us. Our State government was complicit in this and fueled the division with closures and mandates. We need to make sure this doesn't happen again. Committee, vote FOR SB29.

Pamela Tuck, Mrs

Family JHR 140

La Porte, TX

It has now been proven that mask mandates, public closings and school closings have no impact on COVID-19

Tom Nobis

The Republican Party of Texas and Self

Houston, TX

I am For the bill. This bill has been approved as an RPT Legislative Priority of Parental Rights. We have all lost our freedom with rules that came out as a result of COVID 19. It's time to give back our Freedom and let people to make their own decisions. Mask mandates never worked. Vaccines were only helpful to a certain age range of population and not kids.

Denise Wilson

Self

Canyon Lake, TX

I am writing to you today to ask you to please VOTE YES to pass SB 29 favorably out of the State Affairs Committee on Wednesday, May 10.

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Angela Meadors Smith

Self, Fredericksburg Tea Party

Fredericksburg, TX

We are in SUPPORT of this bill. Thank you for voting it out of committee favorably.

David Nash
Self / Retired
Harper, TX

For SB 29. Please vote out of committee.

James Fambro
self
McKinney, TX

Please VOTE YES to pass SB 29 favorably out of the State Affairs Committee on Wednesday, May 10.

Without legislation to protect Texans from continued COVID lockdowns and mandates, we will be unable to lift emergency orders without risking local governments trying to force masks, vaccines and closures again. We must end government tyranny and restore freedom to the people of Texas. NO American citizen should be coerced to take a medication (such as a vaccine), forced to lockdown, or forced to isolate themselves in order to work, travel, or enjoy freedom again!

Pamela Tuck, Mrs
Self
La Porte, TX

The government should not have the power to make people stay in their homes, close businesses and keep children home from school.... also, we know that the mandates did not make a significant difference in the spread of Covid.

Jennifer Fleck
self
Spicewood, TX

I am in favor of SB 29. No government should be allowed to infringe on a persons freedom to make medical choices pertaining to "vaccines" or unproven protective wear. Each person should make their own decisions without government enforcement on others. No business or school should be forced to close. Each should make their own individual assessments concerning closures or not.

Anna Lee Aitken
self
Tombl, TX

I am for SB 29. As a retired RN, I was horrified with the actions taken during COVID-19 pandemic. To shut down businesses, and schools, was absolute insanity. The forced isolation of patients in the healthcare settings and the violations of patient right was inhumane. No government should be allowed to exert totalitarian rule again. The fear mongering by the CDC, media, Big Pharma, and Washington should never be forgotten. COVID=19 vaccine mandate was a forced inoculation of a product that was not vetted nor tested using the scientific process. It was about power, domination, control, and money. They wanted to see how far they could go to supress a nation and we followed them like sacrificial lambs to the slaughter. We need to look very closely to all vaccines that are mandated. Increased adverse reactions to a vaccine should be scrutinized and review for efficacy . Drugs / vaccines during clinical trails may show a benefit but as the exposure to the general population increases so does adverse reactions. As we know now, COVID-19 vaccine was not the panacea it was flaunted as. It should have never been given to pregnant women or anyone under the age of 52 especially children. It's not a vaccine , it's gene therapy. Another vaccine that needs scrutiny is HPV vaccine. More and more adverse reactions are being noted such as CRPS and POTS. Medicine is not infallible. But as responsible adults, we need to look at what we are forcing into the bodies of our children and young adults. If the benefits DO NOT weight out the damaging long term affects, we need to remove that vaccine period. The FDA is constantly pulling drugs because the black box warning became an issue. Never again! Never forget!

Bonnie Seelig
Self Retired
Spicewood, TX

SUPPORT SB 29

Vaccine mandates and mask requirements violated the freedoms of the American citizens. Never before had we "shut down the nation" to protect any segment of society. Why did that happen? Most knew that masks would never protect you from a virus. Only through mass media repeating the same mantra 24-7 did the nation become so confused, so depressed and so compliant. Now that the mask of "government protection" has been removed to expose "government corruption and control," let's not be fooled again. Let's protect all of us from being pushed into a frozen state of compliance. It will happen again, but this bill will stand in the way of a "big government takeover" of our bodies.

Jo Foley
self/none
Henderson, TX

I am FOR SB 29. Government should not make any laws forcing free people to get a jab, wear a mask, close their business or miss school. This was a terrible overreach of government and did more harm than good. No one should lose their job because they won't allow unknown chemicals to be put into their bodies and it has been shown that many people have died or become extremely ill due to having the covid shot. Government does not always know what is right and it should not force it's opinion of an unknown upon anyone. I am FOR SB 29.

Jennifer Lucas
Self
Austin, TX

Thank you for hearing this topic. Please pass this bill to prohibit implementation or enforcement of vaccine and mask mandates for COVID-19. The right to each person's choice on this matter is imperative.

Lib Grimmett, Ms.
Self
Wills Point, TX

This bill needs to pass so that Texans are never subjected to tyrannical rule of any kind! Let's get SB 29 on the floor for a vote!

Edith McCanless
Self
Fredericksburg, TX

I am in FAVOR of having this Bill passed out of committee as soon as possible. State and Federal government overreached in a detrimental way in reaction to Covid; the power for these decisions needs to be on individuals' rights.

Richard McKenzie
self - retired fixed income derivatives trader
Austin, TX

I support SB29. The state's duty to protect public health does not supersede the personal sovereignty of individual Texans. No mask mandates, vaccine mandates, business closures, school closures or lockdowns should be imposed on Texans for any reason. None of these actions are effective methods to prevent the spread of a virus and none should be enacted in the future for any reason, not just for SARS-COV2 and its variants. Texans cannot be forced to yield their civil liberties and bodily integrity by the decree of medical "experts". Thanks you.

Marilyn Swartz
UTMB
Santa Fe, TX

It should be decided by the parents and not the government whether or not children should be injected with any foreign poisons, toxins, medications, or vaccines. Some of the vaccines are untested or unproven. Masks don't prevent COVID19. This has been proven. Especially not anything other than a N95 mask used in hospitals.

Sally Fiveash
self
Carrollton, TX

I support this bill, along with other bills that aim to curb the ability of a governmental entity to require and/or restrict the liberties of fellow Texans related to Covid or any other pandemic. People have a will to protect themselves and their families, and will take whatever steps are necessary to do just that. As we saw with Covid, many entities imposed restrictions and requirements based on what we now know was not necessarily "science", but just what those entities were told to do that might be helpful. People's businesses were destroyed, children have had learning loss and a decline in mental health, people could not worship together at a time when their faith was so important to get them through the pandemic. Decisions so impactful and so personal need to be left to the individual, not to some nameless entity that may have it's own self-interest in the decisions being made. Please pass this bill out of committee as soon as possible, and do whatever you can to see it thru to passage. Thank you.

Jackie Gist
Self
Austin, TX

I am Jackie Besinger, I am in favor of SB29
I am in favor of this bill because as in our God given rights that we make decisions on what we put on our bodies, this also applies to masking people under misinformation or closing schools and business for political control, in addition vaccine mandates violate the fundamental rights to bodily autonomy and medical liberty, no government has the authority to impose laws that take individual freedoms away.

Kerry Yarbrough
Texas Eagle Forum
Garland, TX

No vaccine or shot mandates

Barb Stauffer
Self
Garland, TX

Having lived through forced health emergency that used coercive measures to impose upon the people unproven effectiveness of an experimental drug for fighting COVID19, I strongly support this bill SB29. To this day, the vaccines & masks have been proven of no effectiveness in stopping the virus and in fact, have imposed adverse effects on those who were vaxed at the mandate of their government. We were guinea pigs in use of an experimental drug.

Jayne Orum
myself
Georgetown, TX

Support SB 29. Government officials must know their limits and respect citizens, not try to nanny us.

Traci Bortz
Self / Small Business Owner
Katy, TX

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Diane Edwards
Self
San Antonio, TX

The past experience we all lived through by the government overstepping its rightful boundaries hopefully has taught us that it was tyrannical and fully political in nature. We must protect our state from ever having to live through that again. Don't let them strip Texas from our individual rights and historical posture.

Kathleen Schmidt, Mrs
Self retired military spouse
New Braunfels, TX

I pray y'all see this through. The data on how sick the masks make us, especially children is staggering and always ignored. Thank you

Lyn Adams
Self-retired
Temple, TX

I strongly approve of SB 29 to prohibit any vaccine mandate, mask requirement, or private business or school closure to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Nuremberg Code states that people should be able to exercise free power of choice without any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other form of ulterior constraint or coercion; and should have knowledge and comprehension of the subject matter involved to enable to make an enlightened decision. Any experimentation must have full knowledge and power to refuse without being penalized. No experiment should be conducted where mental or physical suffering/injury will occur.

Our citizens have been lied to continuously about the shot masquerading as a covid vaccine. It is an experimental drug that has done great harm and has a horrendous death rate. The Federal Congress has not been required to take this; so, our other citizens should be protected from this terrible experiment.

School closures have done great hard to more than harm the education process, as the huge rise of minor children suicides have demonstrated. Closure or restrictions on businesses must be the choices of the business owners. Where citizens do business should be upon their own judgement.

Studies have shown no statistically significant difference in infection rates between the masked and unmasked group in any of the trials in surgeries with open wounds. How much more ineffective masks are where viruses are so tiny that they can go through a mask like a mosquito flying through a chainlink fence. Masks are so detrimental to communication that children are harmed by wearing masks. The moisture and germs from nose, mouth, and hands magnify the risk of infection instead of reduction.

Jennifer Madrid

self

Belton, TX

Please vote to prohibit vaccine mandates or other health-related mandates. Our family has several vaccine injured individuals...some injured, we believe, by the covid 19 vaccine...and previously injured by others. Please see the Children's Health Defense website, ICAN and VAERS for information regarding adverse events many Texans and Americans have been subjected to. Any vaccine has the potential to harm certain individuals who are immunocompromised, have autoimmune disorders, or other health impairments. The Nuremburg Code should not be violated and the Hippocratic Oath that our physicians take to "do no harm" has of late been completely disregarded and negatively impacted so many lives. No medical treatment should ever be forced on any individual. No one should be coerced or threatened with loss of a career, job, school, or freedom to move about or enter establishments. This is government mandated assault which has the potential to cause physical, financial, and psychological harm and even cause death. This should most definitely not be happening in a country that prides itself and has been established as a country where its citizens are deemed "free." Please help us return to our founding freedoms for all, and make all medical mandates illegal and strictly prohibited.

Mitzi Higginbotham

Self/Educators, Children

Reklaw Texas, TX

I support SB 29 by Birdwelll, which prohibits governmental entity implementation or enforcement of a vaccine mandate, mask requirement, or private business or school closure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If people want to wear a mask and get the COVID vaccine go for it! They have the right to exercise their freedom of choice. However, government has no business implementing a vaccine or a mask on citizens. I will make an educated decision on whether to get a vaccine and wear a mask for COVID 19. At this point during the COVID ERA I have made many observations. People who got the vaccine died. People who weren't treated early with medication died from COVID. People who got the vaccine got COVID and died. People who wore mask faithfully got COVID. People who had COVID and got the vaccination got COVID for the 3rd time. People were young and old who got COVID survived. Business and livelihoods should never be shut down. My son lost his job because of the COVID lockdowns. My only living aunt died in a nursing home from loneliness and survived COVID. My grandchildren have suffered academically because of the school closures. The children who were hit the worst by school closures were children in poverty. The COVID PANDEMIC AND GOVERNMENT MANDADTES w ere not effective. I vote yes for SB 29!

Teresa Bailey Weirich

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

As a cancer patient, I've been very concerned that the treatment centers would try to force a vaccine in order to get treatment. I've thoroughly researched the Covid vaccine and consulted with numerous doctors regarding my treatments. The vaccine was not a smart choice with my medical history. Patients should have the choice to make medical decisions with their health providers, and they should not be subjected to mandated treatments.

Sherry Eller

Self

Temple, TX

I SUPPORT SB 29. Please quickly pass SB 29 favorably out of committee. Thank you.

Nathaniel Chambers

self

Austin, TX

State politicians should NOT be weighing in on medical mandates implemented by local governments at the behest of health professionals. Leave medicine to doctors and health professionals.

susan leblanc
self/semi-retired
Wallisville, TX

Please do not ever let this insanity happen again in Texas.

Ruth York, (1) VP; (2) Interim Chair
(1) Tea Party Patriots of Eastland County; (2) Texas Family Defense Committee; (3) self (Direct sales)
Cisco, TX

We strongly support SB 29 and thank Senator Birdwell for carrying this bill. It is our hope that never again will our nation (and the world) be subjected to a pandemic similar to Covid-19, but this measure should protect individuals' medical freedom while reducing the pandemic's crushing impact.

Please vote "Yes" on SB 29.

DIANA CHAMBLESS
self
Bullard, TX

I strongly support SB 29. Texans can't allow the state (or the US Government) to tell us how to handle our own health decisions. Texas state officials overreached their authority with vax mandates, mask mandates, and lockdowns for COVID-19. People lost their livelihood and their businesses. The devastation is still playing out. This can't happen ever again.

ANNE NEWMAN
self
Fair Oak Ranch, TX

Please pass this bill. No one should be forced to have a vaccine. Masks don't work.

Kenneth Jones, MBA
Self; Entrepreneur, Tech CEO
Flint, TX

Please pass SB 29 & SB 12 out of the committee, thank you. God bless.

Christine Lange, Mrs
Independent Christian values
Temple, TX

It will be proven that the Covid vaccines, mask wearing, etc. is just an attempt of the left to control our lives. We are still America. We still have our rights.

Alicia Bell, Mrs
Self and housewife
Kerrville, TX

I represent myself and I am FOR bill # SB29 and request passage out of committee immediately.

Robin Hayes, Eastland County Chair
Republicans of Eastland County
Eastland, TX

I pray that you would pass JHR 140! The our government was founded to work for us, not against us. We are certainly capable enough to decide if we want a vaccine or not. The same applies with wearing a mask, or whether we close our businesses or not. We want our children to attend school, we will decide when to keep our children home or not. I am thankful for this bill by Senator Birdwell, he knows that the government should NOT be controlling any of these issues.

Carolyn Lux
Self/Retired RN
Fredericksburg, TX

I am in favor of this bill. Where there is risk, there must be informed choice. Mandates remove that choice and therefore infringe on my liberties endowed by my creator. I urge you to pass this bill so that we are never again subjected to the hideous vaccine mandates or mask wearing and closures if businesses. Thank you.