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To whom it may concern,
I am one of those firefighters that was forced to take the covid shot.
I just want to share with you how this has negatively affected me and my family.
First off, I have worked every shift and then some at the fire department through this whole ordeal up until when I got sick back in September.
I received my first shot towards the end of August and did not feel well from the get go. I muscled through it as best that I could.
But I did end up in walking care ten days after the first shot where I was treated pretty much like a second class citizen for holding out as long as I could to not get the shot. I was pretty much dismissed that I had covid and that was that. I did not have covid by the way.
After the second shot things went down hill pretty fast. Things that I was doing a month ago I could not do or had a hard time doing.
I ended up in the ER, after three days in the hospital and a bunch of test come to find out that I had acute myopericarditis which is the swelling of the heart and the lining of the heart, from the shot that I was forced to take.
I was out of work for over six weeks, and you see the kicker on that part is no one will take responsibility of what happened to me, so that time off was on my dime.
Luckily I had bank twelve years of sick time that I could use.
The next kicker is who pays for all the medical bills, oh again that's on me, because no one wants to take responsibility for what happened to me. I have damage to my heart now, I have a irregular heart beat now because of this forced shot.
It has changed my life forever.
Now I know you will say I had a choice to leave my job, but let me explain things to you.
First off which is obvious I need health insurance just like everyone else. It's not a high paying job, but it pays the bills.
But you just don't wake up one day and say that you are going to be a career firefighter and just go out and get a job in the fire service.
It takes years of schooling and specialized training.
Is one just going to throw that all away?
And once you get that chance and you take it, it just doesn't affect you, it affects the whole family.
I as well as my counter parts have missed things, we have missed birthdays, dance recitals, baseball games, anniversaries, the fourth of July, Christmas's and the list goes on.
But you do your very best to make those things up to your love ones.
You do the job because you love it.
You love going to help people in their most hardest times, because you know you are going to do your very best to change the outcome.
That takes a toll on you physically and mentally.
As I said this job affects you and your family.
I am back to work now and doing the best I can do at this time. It takes months to years from what my doctors have told me to heal, but my heart will never be the same.
I feel that as an American I have a right to make my own choices and by being forced to take this shot you have taken that right away.
I now have to deal with a physical ailment for the rest of my life because of Janet Mills and that is not right.
I really want you folks to know how your decisions affects the people out there dealing with the issues every day.
I feel that this bill will at least help people to see what this experimental vaccine can do.
Sincerely,
Jason Gross