I am writing to voice my deep concern about the requirement of COVID-19 vaccines and urge the committee to support legislation that would the Act To Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm.

Even those of us who are excited by the innovative technology used in these vaccines have to acknowledge that the development and deployment of these vaccines has been unprecedented and has not allowed for thorough testing of either the vaccine's efficacy or safety, both of which are in question, especially with regard to compelling the citizenry to be vaccinated. By all accounts, no vaccine's development or approval by the FDA has been as opaque and unorthodox as this, with the FDA abandoning its standard practice of eliciting comment from outside reviewers. Moreover, sworn testimony and documents provided by whistleblowers have shown egregious behavior by the manufacturer and subcontractors who engaged in serious shortcuts, coverups, obfuscation, and data manipulation to hide safety issues.

Moreover, the efficacy of the vaccine is also in question. Due to the vaccines' rapidly waning protection, vaccinated people must get booster after booster to maintain reasonable benefit, and even with optimal boosting, the vaccines absolutely do not prevent the vaccinated person from contracting or spreading the virus, as is admitted by the CDC.

Surely, everyone on the committee is intelligent enough to understand that approval by the FDA does not make the vaccine any less experimental; it simply means that the FDA approved the vaccine regardless of the fact that it is still in its experimental phase. I should not need to remind anyone of the fact that mandating an experimental medicine is in direct contradiction of international law agreed upon to protect citizens from their governments after the atrocities of World War II. You simply must insist that any vaccine that is to be mandated must—at minimum—have demonstrated its safety through completion of experimental trials

You should also consider the science as it relates to the disease this vaccine is intended to treat. For those under 60 years of age, the disease is not especially dangerous, and for those under 20 it presents even less of a threat of serious illness. That is simple fact gained through observation of data gathered over the last two years that everyone who has taken the time to become informed agrees upon.

Finally, if these vaccines are mandated, my children will need to take them in order to attend school thanks to the legislature's ill-considered and unconstitutional law that removes religious exemption (any of you who supported the removal of religious and philosophical exemption to mandatory vaccination have demonstrated contempt for Amercian values and the Constitution; I call on you to use your power to rectify your mistake). Can EVERYONE on this committee guarantee that the vaccine will not render my son or daughter incapable of having healthy children of their own? If you can't give that guarantee you have no business mandating a vaccine and every reason to support the legislation that would Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm.

In summary, to mandate a vaccine a.) the safety of which is both unproven and in doubt, b.) which has demonstrated dubious efficacy, c.) is still experimental, and d.) which treats a disease that presents minimal risk to the majority of the population is absolutely unconscionable. You must support this legislation.

Sincerely,

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