

Thank you for taking the time to read the following:

I am writing in support of HB 1282.

As a former American Government and History teacher, I have taught high school students about the Constitutional Convention. I have taught about concepts like balance of power among the three branches of government, federalism, the purpose of states, and the differences between administrative, judicial, and statutory law.

I support HB 1282, and ask that you do, too, because I see a dangerous trend occurring in American culture. Government has suspended individual freedoms that are supposed to be guaranteed by the Bill of Rights - the first ten amendments to the Constitution - and many Americans have not only willingly acquiesced but also started publicly shaming those of us who question the suspension of these rights in the name of public health. I believe a bill like 1282 might help slow the encroachment of government upon rights endowed to us by our creator.

Liberty is what makes us fundamentally a free society. Blood was shed to establish a nation where political freedoms like speech, press, petition, assembly, religion, and the right to bear arms are protected at all costs, and blood has been shed in an attempt to defend inalienable rights for human beings in America and across the globe in many generations since. **As the spouse of a National Guardsman and the granddaughter of two WWII veterans – a Marine and Army Air Corpsman - I think every person, from both political parties, should be**

**standing up, asking more questions, and not apologizing for it.** The passage of this bill create a formal process to do just that.