

Mr. Chairman and Committee members

Vicky Steiner, District 37

I support this bill but please accept these amendments as offered by Rep. Meir.

The stronger it is, the more our workforce will respond in positive ways. The oil field workers are watching, and they have mobility. We can't risk an exodus of contractors to other states that offer protection.

Also, Montana gives the unvaccinated special protected status.

I've heard several corporations and state business associations are opposed to the vaccine bills because they make the argument that businesses should be able to make their own decisions to require the Covid vaccine.

Corporations should not be our health decision makers. And no one should lose their job for not taking the vaccine.

As legislators, we have to balance individual vs business and this is one of those difficult ones.

The constitution protects our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Our life includes protection from government inserting a needle in our arms. This right supersedes business discretion.

As Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said last week, "Corporations have become the arm of federal government." He also recommended states resist that action. We first and foremost represent the individual through our constitutional duty.

Again, business corporations are not in charge of the health of my constituents.

Thank you for the consideration of the amendments to strengthen this anti-mandate vaccine bill and I encourage you to incorporate them for the protection of all our constituents.

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