

*In support of 1511, with modification that testing not be required, that it apply to those reimbursed by federal contract, and extend to all injections, not just COVID.*

I have worked in healthcare for over 22 years. I have seen the sickest and most vulnerable, and I also see the people who have been injured from pharmaceutical medications and injections. I am not naïve about the ingredients and risks of these interventions. I am healthy, and like many of my co-workers, I will not choose to inject myself with toxic ingredients looking for a healthy outcome.

This coercion didn't start with COVID shots, and it won't stop here either. For far too long, we have accepted that businesses could mandate something as ineffective, and yet still dangerous, as a flu shot. Just think about how illogical it is for an employer to require that you inject a foreign substance in your body (a permanent decision) in order to work for them! I am not a slave to my job, so my job doesn't get to decide my health decisions.

**We need legislation that stands up for MY rights as an employee to make my own health decisions no matter where I work!** It is not right to admit that the shots can't be required, but then in case of an emergency or for federal contract or payment, that right is void. Healthcare workers need the same rights against all coerced injections! These mandates are not about health, but control.

I am no more likely to be a carrier of a virus than my vaccinated co-workers or patients, so it makes no sense to require that I test frequently (and pay for the test myself). The COVID shots do not prevent transmission or infection, so even if you have gotten the shots, you are at no lesser risk for getting it and spreading it.

We need to support the workers, especially healthcare workers, that didn't work from home but instead worked with the sickest amongst us---before there was even an option for the shot. We have constant shortages in healthcare and making excuses for mandating their health decisions will only make the shortages worse.

**STAND UP FOR OUR FREEDOM TO MAKE OUR OWN HEALTH DECISIONS!**

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