

Legislative Committee on Health Care

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Public Comment

My name is Carissa Hoover and I just wanted to make public comment today to remind everyone that the constitution is not null and void because we have a supposed pandemic. The number of people in our state that have died solely because of Covid-19 (not because of co-morbidities or people who are just prescriptively positive) is not enough to warrant the extreme measures that have taken place.

As more testing, tracking, and vaccines become available, I believe that you can have as many optional and voluntary participants as will accept it, however, I do not believe anything should be mandated. There should be no penalty for refusing testing or tracking, no tracking of cell phone data, and no discrimination in the workplace based on immune status.

I don't know why everyone keeps saying things can't go back to normal until there is a vaccine. Vaccines are not the end all be all. Vaccines do not cure anything. Depending on the vaccine, efficacy can be very low, meaning even with the vaccine you can still get the illness and spread it, so there is no public health benefit. And all vaccines pose a risk for some. It is so important for people to have informed consent, to decide with their doctor after doing a risk/benefit analysis which includes family medical history. Any medical intervention, especially those with risk like vaccines should have choice. Everyone should have bodily autonomy and responsibility for their own health and the health of their families. The government cannot have more control over our bodies and our medical interventions than we do for ourselves, that is tyranny and it is not acceptable with our constitution.

I believe the narrative that is being repeated on mainstream media is about control, not health. If this is truly about health, let's move the conversation toward true health. Drinking a diet coke isn't healthy, eating McDonald's isn't healthy, laying on the couch eating potato chips isn't healthy, being obese isn't healthy. You can't live that kind of life then mandate vaccines and think we are going to be a healthy society. Instead of people believing that a vaccine is going to keep people from dying, let's get them understanding how their body works, how their immune system works, how to have true health through nutrition, supplementation, exercise, sleep, stress reduction, etc. Where is that information? Why isn't that being shared by our state officials? We need to have true lifestyle changes and personal choice, not mandates. Thank you for your time.

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