

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of SB 914, establishing that it is unlawful for an employer to mandate vaccines for employees.

It is against an individual's right to their own body to allow an employer dominion over it. Requiring a medical procedure as a condition of employment is an invasion of a person's bodily rights. There is absolutely no evidence to support the theory that requiring vaccination against infectious disease prevents the spread of illness in hospitals, schools or day care centers. A person recently vaccinated with a live-virus vaccine is far more of a risk to the community than an unvaccinated person, which is why it has been standard protocol to tell those with compromised immune systems to avoid contact with such recently-vaccinated individuals.

Such a requirement for employment is also discriminatory against those who are unable to receive vaccines due to their own contraindications. For instance I know a medical doctor that could not work as a hospitalist due to her inability to tolerate vaccines. Even with a medical exemption she was denied employment. I also know a young woman training to enter the nursing profession who has a family history of severe adverse reaction to vaccines. Should these people be denied access to employment based on an unproved supposition that they may be more likely to spread disease?

Please protect the health of Oregonians and our right to employment and support SB 914.

Sincerely,
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