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OREGONIANS FOR MEDICAL FREEDOM

Dear Co Chairs and Committee Members,

Name is Nicole De Graff and I am the Executive Director for Oregonians for Medical Freedom.

We call on the Attorney General to protect our Constitutional rights and not allow vaccine passports. Protect those with disabilities, those with medical differences, those who cannot for medical reasons or those who choose to decline an experimental vaccine from this discrimination. The protection of the Covid-19 vaccine conferred is unknown and swaths of the public as well as children will be penalized for declining an experimental vaccine. The budget should fund polices that will stop the kind of discrimination that has persisted through mask mandates for all sectors since July 1, 2020. Zero accommodations for ADA outside of no societal participation is unacceptable and should not continue with a vaccine. As an example, HB 3284 was introduced at the AG's request. The original bill had the following protective language that was subsequently amended with -3 and then passed by the subcommittee without it.

(e) Segregating, discriminating as to a provision of or otherwise making unavailable goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages or accommodations in any place of public accommodation, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12181, as in effect on the effective date of this 2021 Act, unless a government entity for a public health purpose authorizes otherwise.

We would like an explanation as to why they removed the language and ask that a key performance metric on what steps the AG will take to protect against discrimination and segregation based on private medical decisions be included. No free citizens should have to comply with a medical procedure in order to buy groceries, acquire shelter, travel or otherwise freely move and participate in society. There are so far no laws on this, however a robust discussion urgently needs to occur, inclusive of all stakeholders along with creating measurable protections. The Oregon State Civil Rights Unit needs to make an effort to respond to medical discrimination as already is happening with businesses asking customers for their vaccination cards. Screening for vaccine status is more than just a record. It is an entirely new concept and participation in every day life could be linked to the covid vaccine and is obviously controversial in its inherent violations, (as purported in HB 3284). Multiple states are entering the discussion, introducing legislation against it and outright executive orders shutting down the discriminatory practice before it begins.

When can the AG report back to the legislature on steps they are taking to ensure protection against vaccine passport discrimination?

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