



Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing to request that you hold a hearing on **SB336**, a bill that would prevent discrimination against persons who choose to decline one or more vaccines, as well as **SB337**, a bill to prevent any business or legal entity engaged in any enterprise in the state from discriminating against any customer, client, or potential customer or client based on that person's vaccination record and **SB342**, a bill that forbids the state and any governmental entity from discriminating against any person based on whether the person has received a vaccine for COVID-19.

These bills are vital to ensure that law abiding healthy citizens are not prevented from working or participating in society based on their vaccination status. While vaccine exemptions for medical, religious, or personal reasons are available to daycare and K to 12 school students (Chapter 252.04), and during a declared State of Emergency (Chapter 252.041), protections to prevent **discrimination** on the basis of a person's vaccine status are lacking in Wisconsin. **There are currently no employment protections, or protections to ensure access to housing, medical care, life or health insurance, or higher education for persons who have chosen not to receive one or more vaccines in Wisconsin law.** There are far too many gaps in protection for employees to decline vaccines for work.

**Vaccine passports for individuals to be permitted to participate in society are in development.** New York has already introduced a vaccine pass that gives COVID-19 vaccinated individuals special privileges. Royal Caribbean cruise lines will only allow COVID-19 vaccinated individuals to sail. These bills would ensure that healthy individuals who choose not to receive one or more vaccines are not denied the right to receive services in our great state.

**More than 50 universities across the US have announced that they will require COVID-19 vaccination in order to attend in-person classes or on campus activities.** Protections are needed in the law to make sure that no students are denied the right to attend the college of their choice based on their vaccination status.

**All vaccines carry the risk of injury or death so there must be informed consent and the right to refuse any vaccine without penalty.** The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has already paid out over \$4.5 billion in damages. People injured by a COVID-19 vaccine have little recourse because COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers and healthcare providers are shielded from liability.

While vaccines may offer personal protection from illness symptoms for a period of time, in most cases, **they are unable to stop viral or bacterial transmission.** We have seen this with COVID-19 vaccines as well as vaccines targeting pertussis, meningococcal, and more. **This means that while both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals could potentially be contagious, only unvaccinated individuals are at risk for discrimination through the potential denial of equal access to education, services, employment, and more.**

**Discrimination of any kind is unacceptable,** and yet discrimination, bullying, and shaming of persons who have chosen to forgo one of more vaccinations is becoming acceptable by many in the media, public health, and academia. **Protections are needed to stop this practice. No one should be marginalized, ridiculed, or discriminated against for declining a pharmaceutical product that can cause injury and death.**

As your constituent, I am respectfully requesting that you support these bills and hold a hearing to ensure that passage of SB336, SB337, and SB342.

Sincerely,

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Town/Village/City: \_\_\_\_\_