

Dear Chair Davis, Vice-Chair Dumais, and members of the Economic Matters Committee,

I am writing to request a FAVORABLE REPORT for HB1171.

I support the bill that allows people to choose to take the new covid shot without that decision affecting their employment.

At first, it didn't even occur to me that employers might punish workers who don't want to get the shot, but lately I'm hearing news and reading articles that it is already starting to happen.

My family has a single wage earner. If my husband were to lose his job over this, I do not know what we would do, or how we would feed our kids. My husband has a lifelong epileptic condition, and last month he had brain surgery to stop his seizures. We have no idea if he is a candidate for this shot. No one like him was studied in the trials. Please protect vulnerable workers like him and our family.

We must follow the science and complete the trials to truly make the claim that these shots are safe. Please let employees decide within the relationship with their doctor to take the shot, not to be compelled to take it for job security.

Sincerely,

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