

HB779 FAVORABLE

I request this committee give this bill a favorable vote:

Rather than subjecting individuals to other arbitrary measures to satisfy a public or private entity's vaccine requirement, this bill allows them to sign a statement attesting that they were previously infected with the virus and no longer show symptoms, to the best of their knowledge.

The bill requires entities to accept these statements, and prohibits them from requiring any other form of proof of previous viral infection. Some individuals may not have been tested for a particular virus at the time of their infection, but know that they were infected with it based on the symptoms they exhibited.

**Vaccine requirements should not be instituted in the first place. They are an intrusion into the personal autonomy of individuals to determine whether to put something into their own bodies.**

However, allowing individuals to sign a statement of their personal acknowledgement of recovery from a viral infection provides them with an avenue to take ownership of their medical freedom when faced with a vaccine requirement.

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