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Congressman Louie Gohmert
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Gohmert,

My name is Kimberly Overton, I'm a Registered Nurse with a background in critical care and Telehealth nursing. I am also the founder & CEO of a newly formed, non-profit organization, Nurse Freedom Network.

Our mission is advocating for Medical Freedom for Healthcare workers, and Informed Consent for ALL. We are not anti-vax per se, but we are very much PRO-Freedom, and we stand firmly against any form of forced vaccination or attempted coercion to ensure compliance with unlawful Mandates.

I am writing today to voice my support for H.R. 5816: The NICE Act, in an effort to stop nationwide vaccine mandates.

There are hundreds of thousands of nurses and other healthcare workers across the United States who are being faced with termination, and who are being shamed and ridiculed for what should be a personal medical decision; one that should be made in conjunction with their trusted Healthcare provider, and one that is based on risk-mitigation.

Nurses were hailed as heroes just one short year ago - a title that we never wanted, nor asked for, and after working through this entire pandemic, putting ourselves and our families at risk, many of us were then told to comply with these Mandates...or face termination; despite the fact that this virus can be spread by the vaccinated and unvaccinated alike, and without taking into consideration that the vast majority of healthcare workers already have natural immunity from previous infection.

What is happening is a travesty, and it is leading to a widespread, catastrophic staffing crisis the likes of which we have never seen in the healthcare industry; even despite it being an industry that has long been plagued with staffing shortages, we have never seen anything like this before.

Sadly, every one of us will suffer dire consequences as a result of these irresponsible and short-sighted decisions.

As nurses, we are literally hard-wired to think critically and to ask questions, not to just blindly "Follow the Science." If we were following actual science, then natural immunity would not, and could not be ignored.

As healthcare professionals, we should be advocating for INFORMED CONSENT, which does not seem to exist with these vaccines.

Healthcare isn't "one size fits all", and a blanket recommendation of a "shot in every arm" is a dangerous and irresponsible practice, in our opinion. Further, giving the impression that this shot is innocuous, or that it has gone through appropriate, standardized clinical trials is wrong, and does not meet the standard for Informed Consent. Many nurses are hesitant, not because we are "anti-vaxxers, or science deniers, but simply because we have seen first-hand some devastating effects that have resulted from this, and we are choosing to wait for additional safety data, including long-term effects of the vaccine.

Less than a week ago, I made a difficult decision. I had been exempted from the mandates, because I was considered a 100% work from home employee as a telephone triage nurse, however, based on what I have personally witnessed in my clinical experience, and with negligible risk, I cannot in good conscience recommend the vaccination of otherwise healthy children against a virus with a 99.815% survival rate; in the absence of safety data, this is not only absurd, but it should be criminal. Due to increased pressures to recommend this vaccine and tout it as safe and effective, when we have seen no evidence of it being either, I have chosen to resign my position and commit myself full-time to this fight.

Thank you for authoring this important bill and for standing for the preservation of our liberties. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Respectfully,

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