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Dear Committee Members,

I have been a Registered Nurse since 1971 and was employed by Denver Health Medical Center for 33 years, serving as a Staff Nurse to Nurse Operations Manager until my full retirement approximately 5 years ago.

My entire life has been devoted to fitness and health which has always included making my own decisions regarding my medical care, including vaccinations. I had always signed a religious waiver in regards to the flu shot until the day came that I was told, by the Employee Services Director at that time, that I would have to state what my religion was and why it prevented me from being vaccinated. I don't discuss my personal health care nor religion with my employer so I opted to hire an attorney instead, along with four other employees. We were then allowed to sign a waiver without further question.

No Denver Health personnel were ever advised that it was within our right to opt for a waiver that year nor any subsequent year I remained at Denver Health.

From 2007 until 2013, I also worked as an RN at Craig Rehabilitation Hospital, a job I truly loved. I was forced to resign or be terminated in 2013 unless I received a flu vaccination by Dec. 1, no waiver. I resigned. One of my friends was terminated. Far more important, there were approximately 25 pregnant nurses on staff, all forced to be injected or suffer the same fate. Imagine the pain they went through, needing their jobs to support their families yet having a medical procedure forced on them.

The vaccination mandates imposed by medical facilities has forced me out of the nursing work force.

Requiring medical personnel to be vaccinated against influenza/other diseases is only the tip of the iceberg as next, it will be corporate businesses, government agencies imposing their will on our personal bodies.

I strongly support SB-84 and encourage all to vote yes to insure our personal decision making over our health.

Yours Truly,

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