

Utah Needs a Vaccine Passport Ban!

HB131, Vaccine Passport Prohibition, Walt Brooks

Here's why:

This bill prohibits the use of health passports in the State of Utah. With the recent (G20) worldwide push for vaccine passports, we need it now. The time to protect Utahns is before it's too late.

Does this legislation create a “protected class”? **No.** It protects every individual, as the Constitution requires. Article IV, Section 4 requires that each state's government be a republic, protecting each individual's rights. The 9th Amendment reads “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people” –another Constitutional guarantee of personal freedom.

Does the market actually get to decide? **No.** Ours is no longer a true free market system. Lines between government, private business, and corporations are blurred. There are billions of dollars in loans to businesses from major banks, and thousands of public private partnerships in Utah. Grocery stores are not independent, but are instead beholden to larger corporations and the supply chain. During COVID, businesses were strong-armed, by both the health department and large corporations. They were threatened, surveilled, fined, and cowed into submission.

Should private medical information remain private? **Yes.** Data is the new currency, and medical data is gold. Governments and corporations are incentivized to retrieve and use that data. It is inconsistent to say that businesses have a right to collect the data for discriminatory purposes, but that they *don't* have a right to *use* the data after they've collected it. Why not just prevent it from being collected in the first place?

Does this bill protect businesses? **Yes.** Business owners will incur no cost or administrative impact because of it, nor are they required to take any action. It protects them from responsibility to track personal data, and from liability for potential adverse events. It would be disingenuous to *not* support this on grounds that it “regulates business.” If regulation of business were the problem, then every form of business regulation should be removed.

Are businesses still free to recommend? **Yes.** Businesses may still recommend vaccination, put up spray barriers, social distance, test, work remotely, etc, if they so choose.

Do business rights supersede individual rights? No. People have God-given rights, while businesses have powers granted to them by people and governments. Business powers do not supersede God-given individual rights.

What are vaccine passports really about? They are about controlling access of individuals to employment, and to the marketplace, which is controlled by government, monopoly forces, and public private partnerships, aka ESG and social credit scores. If vaccines are mandated, a vaccine passport will apply to you and your family. If you were to decline a single CDC recommended booster (we're up to seven total COVID shots recommended right now, with boosters every two months), you would not qualify, and your access to both employment and to the public square could be curtailed.

Can highly specialized employees in professional settings simply "work elsewhere"? Should people lose years of training, seniority, and pensions because a company wants to interfere with their personal medical decisions, in violation of HIPAA protections and their constitutional rights as individuals?

Could business owners be liable for adverse reactions to vaccines they require? Yes. Under the PREP Act, only government and vaccine manufacturers/distributors are exempt from liability associated with adverse reactions. Private business owners are not exempt. Passing HB131 would protect businesses from liability for possible adverse reactions, while still allowing them to recommend vaccination.

Is communicable disease a workplace-specific hazard? No. Prior to 2020, business owners were never required to mitigate hazards that exist everywhere. The OSHA ETS set a terrible precedent, as did all of the health department requirements imposed during the past two years. Now that the precedent has been set, the legislature has an obligation to pass protective legislation.

Do free societies require citizens to show papers? No. A society that requires "showing your papers" as a condition of engaging, either as a patron, an employee, or a business owner is not free. There's no free enterprise, unless the society itself is free.

Should businesses be "free" to discriminate through medical apartheid? No. Businesses cannot employ young children, or abuse employees, nor is it moral. Yet some posit that businesses have the right to require their employees and patrons to prove that they have injected a substance into their bodies. This puts businesses in the crosshairs of Utah's strict medical coercion laws (Utah Code 26B-1-105). HB131 removes that danger, allowing businesses to recommend vaccines, without requiring them as a condition for employment or commerce.

HB131 ensures--for most private and government employers (some exceptions for certain healthcare facilities)--that an individual's current and prospective **employment opportunities will be based on job skills, not job status. And it assures all Utahns equal access to the marketplace.**

This bill is not for the unvaccinated; **this bill is for you.** It's for your children, your spouse, and your neighbor. Thank you for keeping your sacred oath to uphold the Constitution and protect our individual God-given rights by supporting this bill.

Sincerely,

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM OVER PERSONAL VACCINATION STATUS

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WHEREAS, the freedom to make personal health choices is one of the most fundamental human rights protected under the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, informed consent is the bedrock of ethical practice in medicine, consisting of three essential elements: access to complete information, patient comprehension, and voluntariness;

WHEREAS, an alarming number of private and government entities across the U.S. and around the world are mandating COVID-19 vaccination, coupled with punitive restrictions on freedom, commerce, employment, and medical care for non-compliance;

WHEREAS, there are various reasons why Americans choose not to be vaccinated, including, but not limited to: established medical conditions; previous infection and recovery; preference for therapeutics; robust immune systems; prevention of potential adverse events; religious beliefs; intolerance to vaccine ingredients; previous anaphylactic and other reactions;

WHEREAS, during the 2021 legislative session, the Utah legislature passed House Bill 308, which "*prohibits a governmental entity from requiring that an individual receive a vaccine for COVID-19;*"

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2021, despite his promise to the contrary, President Biden enacted a sweeping order, mandating vaccinations for businesses with over 100 employees, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Utah Republican Party upholds the United States Constitution and fully supports the individual freedom to choose whether to be vaccinated or unvaccinated;

RESOLVED, the Utah Republican Party recognizes the historical efficacy of proven vaccines in public health, but rejects policies of mandatory vaccination, regardless of FDA approval, and rejects proposals for statewide, nationwide, or global "vaccine passports," "health passes" or similar policies;

RESOLVED, the Utah Republican Party is firmly opposed to government compelling private businesses to enforce mandatory vaccination of their employees or customers;

RESOLVED, the Utah Republican Party appeals to private businesses, institutions of education and religion, medical service providers, and non-government organizations throughout Utah to be considerate and accommodating regarding the vaccination choice of their employees, students, teachers, members, patients, and customers without penalty or discrimination;

RESOLVED, the Utah Republican Party thanks and supports Republican legislators, Governor Cox, Attorney General Reyes, the congressional delegation, and local government officials for their continuing efforts to ensure that the individual freedom to be vaccinated or unvaccinated, without penalty or discrimination, is fully protected.

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