

## Senate Bill No. 6

### Revised Comment

February 6, 2023

I urge you to approve Senate Bill No. 6. That would restrict the powers of state and local officials to isolate or quarantine and impose penalties for non-compliance. I have not forgotten that during the pandemic, state and local officials used Communist-style tactics to coerce the public into staying home, closing businesses, and forcing people to be vaccinated or lose their jobs. We also know that Gov. Kelly's health director was using higher cycle numbers to make the pandemic appear worse than it was. I was relieved when the legislature stripped the powers of the local governments to impose lockdowns, requiring masks and attempting to force every resident to be vaccinated.

Our Constitution gives us certain unalienable rights that should never be violated by state or local government officials, and our rights were unconstitutionally shattered by the actions of government officials. My health care decisions are between my doctor and myself, and no government should be able to interfere with that. This bill guarantees that the patient-doctor relationship will be preserved.

I was diagnosed with COVID in late June. I have a rare lung disorder that predisposes me to pneumonia. I did not have pneumonia, but I coughed so hard the first week that I broke a blood vessel in my abdomen. By the time I arrived at the ER, half of my blood supply was floating around in my stomach. This was not caused by COVID; it was caused by my severe coughing. I had to get a blood transfusion and remained in the hospital for two weeks. I have now fully recovered.

I have informed my doctors that the only vaccine I will get is tetanus, and then only when I need it. I do not get flu shots or any other vaccine. The choice is mine. My doctors have accepted it. I want to make sure that my decision is not altered by a governmental official in the future.

Please stand up for what is right and approve this bill immediately.

Thank you,

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