

On Jan 18, 2021, at 10:32 PM, Olga Bellehumeur <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com> wrote:

Re: Please do everything you can to make sure the COVID-19 vaccine is purely voluntary

Dear Council President Feibel,

As pharmaceutical companies around the world rush to bring a coronavirus vaccine to market, I strongly object to being forced to receive the vaccine when it becomes available. No pharmaceutical product or procedure should ever be forced or coerced as a condition of employment or participation in community events, particularly a fast-tracked, experimental vaccine that is free from liability for any harm it might cause — be it a reaction, injury or death.

Most people are unaware that under the PREP Act of 2005, the COVID-19 vaccine will have near blanket immunity. That means if I or a family member is injured or killed, no one will bear responsibility — not the vaccine manufacturer, not the doctor administering the vaccine, nor the government body or employer who decided to mandate the vaccine. It is I and I alone who will be left with the consequences and the medical bills.

That is exceptionally alarming given the fact there are major safety concerns with the COVID-19 vaccine. Very simply, vaccine manufacturers cannot ensure the long-term safety of any COVID vaccine since the products have had months of clinical experience at best. First-generation pharmaceutical products are also notorious for unintended side effects such as birth defects seen with the drug thalidomide or antibody dependent enhancement as seen with the dengue vaccine. This is a phenomenon where subjects who receive a vaccine for a virus become significantly more ill when they're exposed to that virus in the wild. (In other words, they are NOT protected from the vaccine; the vaccine actually causes them to become sick or die.) Additionally, the mRNA technology being used in several of the vaccine front-runners is unproven and has never before been approved for commercial use. There is much that is not understood about mRNA vaccines, including what their long term effects might be and how they could change a person's own DNA.

Under current U.S. Supreme Court law, in order to mandate a medical intervention there must be an epidemic that imperils the entire population. According to the CDC's own data, most people have more than a 97 percent chance of surviving COVID-19. In fact, for people under 70, the survivability rate after infection ranges from 99.5 percent to 99.9 percent. Furthermore, the COVID-19 vaccine is not shown to prevent transmission; it's merely shown to lessen symptoms. Given the above — and the fact that there are a variety of preventative measures for coronavirus as well as treatments that have been successfully used by healthcare clinicians around the world — there is simply no basis upon which to require the vaccine.

When the nation's top vaccine proponents sound alarms about the consequences of a

rushed COVID-19 vaccine, that causes me to feel alarmed too. Vaccination is just one approach to dealing with a virus such as COVID-19. It is not THE only approach. It is up to each person to decide how to care for their body based on their own individual judgment and unique physiology. Individuals should not be asked to cast aside their own convictions (be it personal, ethical or religious) to follow the recommendations of public servants who don't even know them — especially when the policies those officials are pushing are influenced by the multibillion-dollar pharmaceutical industry.

That's right: the pharmaceutical industry stands to make unprecedented profit from the COVID-19 vaccine. I will not participate in a mandate that will create enormous revenues for drug companies that bear absolutely no responsibility for the products they produce — or for my welfare. In fact, some of these companies are convicted serial felons that have been charged with billions in civil and criminal fines for fraud and other misconduct.

Do you want to be forced to take an experimental, risky vaccine from a company with such an appalling track record? I surely don't.

Personal choice, not public pressure or coercion, must be the only factor in getting the COVID-19 vaccine. I urge you to make sure that public policy paves the way for me and others like me everywhere to make responsible choices about what precautions we take and the best way to care for our health.

Thank you in advance.

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