

Testimony for House Bill 819: Public Health – COVID–19 and Other Influenza–Like Illnesses – Antibody Tests

Testimony: Favorable

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I am in favor of this bill because vaccine requirements are excessive and onerous. People need to be given the freedom to choose what to do with their bodies. While vaccination can only result in antibodies being generated against the SARS-COV-2 spike protein, natural immunity gives the body a chance to respond to the entire COVID-19 virus and associated components. Antibodies from previous infection are much more variable than those from vaccination, and they provide longer lasting, more robust immunity.

I am completely against the establishment of a vaccine mandate or vaccine passport. I believe that vaccine requirements and vaccine passports are in violation of our rights as American citizens and discriminatory against African Americans. However, there are places that have vaccine mandates and passports in existence. I would not be supporting this bill if the vaccine mandates were not already a distinct and far-reaching issue, but I believe that allowing for antibodies to be considered can help alleviate some of the burden placed on the unvaccinated.

I support HB 819 and urge the committee to give the bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Janai