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Thank you, Madam Chair Pena-Melnyk.

I stand in favor of the amendment. My name is Christian Cherry, I am 21 years old, and two years ago, come this June, my brother was injured by his second Covid-19 vaccination. We both received the same brand of injection, Moderna, we took it at the same location, on the same day mere minutes apart; yet after this, only I can be sure that my body will respond in accord to my volition. I can open my eyes, walk, shake hands under my own freedom without fear that my legs would give out from under me mid stride, that my eyes would shut for hours at a time after a smile, or that the force of an earnest hug - a slap on the back could send me into minutes or hours of dangerous, ballistic, and at times uncomfortable contortions, spasms, and periods of severely impaired ability. Starting two hours after his injection, that became his reality. Now, instead of being free to pursue his dreams and finish his degree unfettered, he must navigate the world and a bureaucratic medical system disabled and gaslit, with his story being labeled "disinformation"; now I, instead of being free to pursue my dreams and future as a young man, must navigate my new life as his primary caretaker.

This is not a story of clear and well-vetted science against an irrational minority, it is rather one of an experimental Emergency Use Authorization injection product whose long term effects are not understood potentially being mandated without informed consent and there being no real infrastructure ready, willing, or able to deal with or seek justice for injured parties and their families. Such a demand would unjustly require prospective students to gamble their lifelong health - the future of themselves and their families without any liability falling upon the Government, Universities, or Pharma Companies. It's unconscionable. We must protect the right of individual citizens to take personal accountability for their health rather than encouraging ineffective and abusive overreach. This body must pass the Vaccination by Choice act as amended to ensure this is the case.

