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I am 54-year-old mother of two active teenagers and work in the dental field. I received two doses of the Moderna vaccine in Jan and Feb 2021. Within weeks, I went from being healthy and fit to being unable to function. I felt as if I was dying a slow painful death. I prayed and begged for my life every night as I was terrified that I would die in my sleep. My biggest fear was that my children would find me dead. My long list of symptoms include:

- Rapid heart rate
- High blood pressure
- Internal tremors
- Elevated liver enzymes and Ferritin
- Difficulty swallowing lost 17 lbs in 4 weeks
- High anxiety
- "Firework" sensation in hands and feet
- Burning skin as if a blowtorch is running over me
- Pressure in head, blurred vision and dizziness
- Joint pain from head to toe
- Tendonitis
- Shortness of breath
- Dry eyes & newly diagnosed autoimmune disease
- Muscle waste
- Constant nausea
- Sudden lipomas on my back

I have endured 7 trips to the ER, an endoscopy, an esophageal manometry, numerous MRIs, CT scans, X-rays, biopsies, EMG/NCV testing, sweat tests, spinal tap and endless bloodwork. My treatments have included a 4 week high dose steroid regimen, 5 days of IVIG, physical therapy, vitamin infusion and more prescription medicine that I could have ever imagined I could take.

My medical team now includes a PCP, Cardiologist, Neurologist, ENT, Immunologist, Orthopedist, Pulmonologist, Gastroenterologist, Rheumatologist, Ophthalmologist, Dermatologist, Integrative Doctor and Pain Management. I was a participant in an NIH study and they were not able to resolve my "disease" and stopped all communication with me one year ago. I have been left to do my own research and advocate for myself. Much of the medical community does not acknowledge these vaccine injuries as they are not talked about openly.

My "free" vaccine has cost me so much in the way of money and time. But more importantly, it has robbed me of precious time with my family. I never feel good and physically cannot do many things I could once do with my kids. I would give anything to have my health restored and be able to feel "normal" again.

I have always been pro-vaccine however, the covid vaccine has now shown that it does not prevent you from getting covid nor does it prevent transmitting it. I STRONGLY believe that the covid vaccine should NOT be mandated but rather a personal choice. Furthermore, the vaccine has been linked to increased risk of myocarditis in young men which is a large percentage of college attendees.

At the advice of my medical team, I will never receive another covid vaccine. I would not wish my journey on anyone let alone a young person who has their who has their whole life ahead of them. Please let us have a voice. Please let us make our own choices of what we put in our bodies!

Please vote FAVORABLE ON H.B. 0699 WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT (FWA) and support Vaccination by Choice Act.