

## Texas House Finally Protects Employees from COVID Vaccine Mandates

October 25, 2023 – Austin, Texas - Today, the Texas House passed Senate Bill 7 which bans employers from mandating that any employee, contractor, applicant for employment, or applicant for a contract position receive a COVID-19 vaccine or taking an adverse action for the failure to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Rep. Brian Harrison has been leading the fight for medical freedom in Texas for the last two years and was successful in getting a ban on COVID vaccine mandates on the call for this special session after the leadership of the Texas House killed a comprehensive ban in the regular session.

## Statement by Rep. Brian Harrison:

Today the Texas House took a big and long overdue step towards ending COVID tyranny by passing SB 7. I thank Senator Mayes Middleton and the Senate for repeatedly passing bills to ban all COVID vaccine mandates and every grassroots advocate whose persistence and relentless pressure on their government has led us to this moment today. It is indefensible that Texas House leadership has protected COVID vaccine mandates for over two years. I'll never stop fighting to protect freedom and liberty for all Texans and am proud to have helped deliver this victory today.

## Background:

Before elected to the Texas House, Rep. Harrison was the Chief of Staff for the United States Department of Health and Human Services where he oversaw the nation's initial pandemic response. He has always been a fierce advocate for medical freedom and that the COVID vaccine should never be forced on individuals.

His very first action after being sworn into the Texas House was filing the Texas COVID Vaccine Freedom Act which is the most comprehensive ban on COVID vaccine mandates. He has continued to file the bill in every session of the Texas House. The bill overwhelmingly passed out of the Senate and the House Public Health Committee. It was unfortunately killed by the House Calendars Committee at the end of the Regular session.

Rep. Harrison has been the strongest voice fighting tyrannical COVID mandates in Texas. With the help of thousands of patriots across the state, he succeeded in getting a ban on COVID vaccine mandates added to the call for the Third Special Session.

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