Name of Senator/Representative

Address

RE: Proposed bill to include a Conscientious Exemption option to 1003.22

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your consideration to sponsor or co-sponsor a proposed bill next legislative session that will** expand on the exemptions available to those would are seeking freedom from medical mandates. The Conscientious Exemption bill would be added within section 1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization against communicable diseases.

**The current limitation within the bill is that it does not provide enough options for those that have a moral, conscientious objection to medical mandates. This provides relief for those that seek exemption outside of medical and religious pathway.**

We know conscience is known as an inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the rightness or wrongness of one's behavior. An individual should have the free will to refuse any medical procedure that they deem by moral judgement to be unethical, dangerous to one’s self, and no one should be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Granting a conscientious exemption is an expression of tolerance also in cases where an exemption is granted to anyone who claims it.

The naming of this bill must remain as Conscientious as a philosophical name would not provide the protection warranted under the Human Rights realm. Do not allow for any modification to the naming terminology as it would jeopardize the value of this exemption.

In our world today, we must expand on our freedoms, not continue to constrict them. A conscientious vaccine exemption must be added to the Florida statute 1003.22 (School-entry health examinations; immunization against communicable diseases; exemptions).

A legislator’s first job is to make sure that every piece of legislation that comes up for a vote protects our rights and constitutional freedoms … not take them away. Privacy of personal medical data (not sharing the data) and informed consent (opting-in to the system) should be clearly written into laws and policies to safeguard these rights.

Legislation that gives more power to a government agency while taking away the rights of citizens serves only the state and leads to the abuse of power. When the two social policies of protecting the public health and protecting the individual’s rights collide, greater protection must be afforded to the individual. These rights must be clearly written into the laws.

We greatly appreciate your commitment to protecting the rights of individual freedoms. Please consider sponsoring this proposed bill and working with other legislators to support this action. We also appreciate your NO VOTE on any attempts to remove, restrict, restructure the current Religious and Medical Exemptions.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Address

Phone