

Call to Action #3!



Action #1: ATTEND PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, Nov. 16th at 9:00am.

On Thursday, November 16th, there will be a public hearing for [Assembly Bill 612](#). This bill relates to adding vaccine exemptions / waivers for employees in the state of Wisconsin.

Time: 9:00AM

Date: Thursday, November 16th, 2023

Room - GAR

Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, WI

If you can attend in person, it is imperative that you fill out a registration form at the hearing in favor of this bill. If you are willing to testify, you can mark as such on the registration form as well. We encourage you to use your voice and give public testimony in favor. We recommend providing testimony under 2 minutes. The official notice will be released on Monday, Nov. 13th.

Action #2: Call/Email

Call or email **Jon Minneci, Committee Clerk of the Assembly Committee on Labor and Integrated Employment** at Jon.Minneci@legis.wisconsin.gov / (608) 237-9137 (and copy in your *own* State Assembly Representative and State Senator) and ask that they vote in favor of this bill to pass it out of committee. (See sample email/phone script below).

(Find out who your legislators are by putting your address in here: [Wisconsin Legislative District Viewer](#))

Deadline to email/call: **Thursday, November 16th**

For the full bill text: [AB612 Bill Text](#)

This bill requires any employer that requires any employee or prospective employee to receive an immunization as a condition of employment to waive the immunization requirement for the employee or prospective employee if the employee or prospective employee objects to the immunization for reasons of health, religion, or personal conviction. Under the bill, no employer may require that an employee or prospective employee provide any explanation or justification of the employee's or prospective employee's objection to an immunization. Further, the bill requires an employer to inform an employee or prospective employee of the employee's or prospective employee's right to a waiver from the employer's immunization requirements in writing at any time the employer informs the employee or prospective employee of the employer's immunization requirements.

This bill has been sent to the [Assembly Committee on Labor and Integrated Employment](#)

Current Co-Sponsors

Representatives: Sortwell, Goeben, Rozar, Allen, Behnke, Bodden, Brandtjen, Callahan, Dittrich, Edming, Magnafici, Michalsk, Moses, Murphy, O'Connor, Rettinger, Sapik, Schraa, Schutt

Senators: Nass, Cabral-Guevara

Committee Members of the Committee on Labor and Integrated Employment

Penterman (Chair), Sapik (Vice-Chair), Callahan, Edming, Gustafson, Petryk, Sinicki, Ohnstad, Hong

Committee Emails to copy/paste:

Rep.Penterman@legis.wisconsin.gov, Rep.Sapik@legis.wisconsin.gov,
Rep.Callahan@legis.wisconsin.gov, Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov,
Rep.Gustafson@legis.wisconsin.gov, Rep.Petryk@legis.wisconsin.gov,
Rep.Sinicki@legis.wisconsin.gov, Rep.Ohnstad@legis.wisconsin.gov, Rep.Hong@legis.wisconsin.gov

Sample Email:

Dear Representative,

My name is _____ and I am a constituent of Senator _____ and Representative _____. I am writing to you today to encourage you to vote in favor of AB612 and help pass it out of committee for a full vote in the future. Vaccine waivers for Wisconsin employees are needed. Vaccines, like prescription drugs, come with risks. Vaccines can cause injury or death, and they also carry the risk of failing to prevent the illness being vaccinated for in the first place. Every individual has a different amount of risk associated with receiving a vaccination – and everyone should be evaluated on an individual basis based on one's own susceptibilities and predispositions. Without the legal right to protect autonomy and bodily integrity, without the legal right to freedom of thought, speech, conscience, and religious belief, we are no longer free. Individuals must be permitted to exercise their human and informed consent rights and have the freedom to decline any products, especially liability-free pharmaceutical products that carry the risk of injury and death, without being threatened with being unable to provide for their families.

Phone Call Talking Points:

- Vote in favor of AB612
- Vaccines can cause injury or death
- Everyone has different risks and should be able to make their own decisions
- Government should protect legal rights, including the right to choose which vaccines to accept or decline
- Vaccines are liability free and carry real risks

Please share this email with friends/family, and attend the public hearing Thursday, Nov. 16th.