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Senate State Affairs Committee,

Dear Chairman Shower and Members,

I am pleased that SB156 will be before you on Feb.3. I encourage you to support this bill. I strongly believe that Alaskans' right to choose whether or not to receive a Covid-19 inoculation needs to be protected in law.

Informed Consent is a bedrock principle of medicine and public health. Covid vaccine mandates and passports would supplant informed consent with a system of social rewards and penalties instead of the rational consideration of medical risk and benefit that defines this basic freedom.

Under the current patchwork of Covid vaccine requirements in the U.S., people are being pressured to accept Covid vaccines in order to keep their jobs, attend college, visit restaurants, etc. That is a form of coercion that deserves a strong prohibition in Alaska.

The Covid vaccines are still in trial under FDA Emergency Use Authorization while their safety and effectiveness are being evaluated. The US Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, the best vaccine safety data gathering system in the world, has recorded over 20,000 deaths associated with the Covid vaccines, compared to an average of just 155 deaths each year from normal vaccines in the preceding 10 years. Millions of Americans are paying attention and declining to participate in these Covid vaccine trials.

Declining to be Covid-vaccinated is a safe and responsible position. Effective and safe treatments are available to prevent hospitalization and death from Covid. Well informed Alaskans can make the choice.

Alaska needs clear statutory protection of the right to informed consent, and the right to decline these potentially harmful Covid vaccines.

Thank you for considering my comments,

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