

I am writing in support of HSB 647, the Medical Privacy and Freedom Act, sponsored by Representatives Jacobsen and Cisneros. I write to address my civic concerns if we fail to support this bill and get it passed. Let's look back on history, in 1947 the Nuremberg Code was devised in light of the unethical research of the Nazis on political prisoners and those deemed "undesirable." Among the 10-Points of the Nuremberg Code, the first point stands out:

*"The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person... should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force... or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion..."*

Forceful means of an ulterior and of an explicit nature have been employed to get people vaccinated against a virus whose survivability rate remains high for the vast swath of the populace. Prior to living in Iowa, I was a resident of New York state. Among the reasons for leaving was a bill on the NYS Assembly docket (A. 416) which sought to invest, *"The Governor or His Or Her Delegee, including, but not limited to the commissioner or the heads of local health departments"* the power to, *"order the removal and/or detention of such a person or of a group of such persons by issuing a single order."* Who determines the length of their detention or sets the grounds for their release? Since when do Americans think it is okay to allow this level of discrimination? The fact that in America health detention centers are being proposed to keep "undesirables" out of society is disturbing. It is critical that Iowa should take steps to prevent such abuses from ever being considered.

This bill is the first step we can take to protect workers from discrimination in the workplace and ensure we will not tolerate being harassed over issues of health. By empowering workers with voluntary consent, we will prevent unelected, unaccountable, hyperspecialized persons from making decisions over the lives of many. If we do not take these steps and continue in our uncritical acquiescence rooted in a climate of fear it will only open the door to greater evils. It is vital to support the Medical Freedom and Privacy Act legislation that Rep. Jacobsen and Cisneros have sponsored.

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