

July 23, 2025

Senator Bernie Moreno  
Russell Senate Office Building, SR-284  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Moreno:

On behalf of Children's Health Defense (CHD), thank you for your eloquent comments at Senator Ron Johnson's hearing, *Voices of the Vaccine Injured*, on July 15, 2025.

We appreciate your bravery in speaking out against government-sponsored censorship, legal indemnity for vaccine manufacturers, and COVID shot mandates. On COVID shot mandates, you stated, "Our government did real damage to real people." You went on to say that to fix this, "The north star has got to be medical freedom" and that we need "actual progress."

We could not agree more!

You also spoke out against the Biden Administration's mandate that trapped Americans who "(couldn't) go to work and make a living" if they didn't get the shots.

For nearly four years, CHD has backed several lawsuits for New York City workers who were fired for refusing the COVID shot. Essential workers, including firefighters, police officers, teachers, and sanitation workers, were forced out of their jobs and have been kept out of work to this day. CHD backed two lawsuits that won in New York state court, affirming that workers must be returned to their jobs with backpay. Mayor Eric Adams has appealed both decisions, however, thus preventing these workers from returning to their jobs. In one of those lawsuits, Michael Kane co-signer of this letter, is lead plaintiff, and [a certiorari petition has just been filed with the Supreme Court](#).

Unvaccinated NYC workers have lost income, lost medical insurance, been denied unemployment insurance, and some have fallen into dire poverty. Many have gone from having a good income with a plan for retirement to now living hand to mouth, losing homes and other assets, having to move in with family and friends or living out of their cars. Some have moved to other states or out of the country entirely. Some have been foreclosed upon, evicted, or have ended up in the shelter and welfare system. We know many men of color made homeless because of the COVID shot mandate; one of them is still homeless, literally sleeping in the streets right now. We also know of at least one suicide related to the COVID shot mandate.

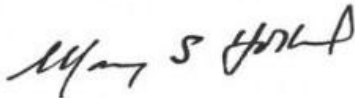
Of course this issue did not just impact New York City. Cities including Los Angeles, Washington, DC, Chicago, and states like Oregon and Washington all experienced mandates that displaced public sector workers who still have not been reinstated or compensated. You spoke of what happened in the state of Ohio that you represent. And this is by no means an exhaustive list of all the states, cities, counties and localities impacted.

We would be deeply grateful if you would consider the following actions to draw attention to this plight:

1. Work with your Senate colleagues to convene hearings about fired unvaccinated public sector workers and the need to right these wrongs. As you said in the hearing on July 15, "I'm all for going forward, but there has to be a humility of looking backwards over the period of time in COVID and realize that our government did real damage to real people." We are here to help you in any way we can.
2. Carry a Senate bill that might help to rectify the damage inflicted upon fired workers during COVID across the nation.
3. Reach out to the Religious Liberty Commission (RLC) to draw attention to the tens of thousands of religious exemptions to vaccination that were illegally denied through bogus religious exemption evaluation programs around the country during COVID.

Again, please accept our sincere appreciation for speaking out with clarity, simplicity, and bravery to let all Americans know that as we move forward, "the north star has got to be medical freedom."

Sincerely,



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