

**HB 22– 1100 - PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION COVID-19 VACCINE STATUS**  
**NVIC Colorado House Health & Insurance Committee Hearing Testimony**  
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My name is Theresa Wrangham; I am a 22 year Colorado resident and the executive director for the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) and ask for your support of HB 1100 to end vaccine status discrimination and segregation. Today I will share my family's first hand experiences, which echo many of discrimination reports NVIC receives.

- My disabled daughter and I got COVID-19 from a vaccinated individual last year, but despite our natural immunity we are denied entry into a ballroom in Boulder. Only the vaccinated may enter;
- My husband contracted COVID-19 from my best friend's fully vaccinated family when staying with us after losing their home in the Marshall Fire. My natural immunity protected me and I tested negative multiple times.
- My sister works in the health care industry and was unable to get a job without COVID-19 vaccination, despite her demonstrated natural immunity. She reacted to the 1<sup>st</sup> dose with a fever, migraines for three days, vomiting, and diarrhea. She must now risk additional vaccine reactions to keep her paycheck.

The CDC ([Walensky](#)) has acknowledged that COVID-19 vaccines do not prevent disease or disease transmission. Vaccination is a medical risk-taking decision, and these decisions should not result in discrimination and segregation, or limit free movement in society, and equal access to commerce, employment, and education as guaranteed in the Constitution and the Civil Rights Act. And while state vaccine mandates have been upheld by the Supreme Court's 1905 decision, the decision's caution to limit its application is often ignored.

In 2020, Colorado passed the [CROWN Act](#). Respectfully, protect the basic human rights of autonomy and informed consent to make medical risk-taking decisions without coercion, as well as the human and Constitutional rights of freedom of thought, conscience, and religious beliefs and vote yes on HB 1100.