Dear Employer, Why I won't be getting the Vaccine

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I will not be getting the current vaccines. Here is why.

Two very good friends and my aunt and uncle died of covid I know it is deadly, if not treated correctly early. I am not dismissing the danger, but very disappointed in our board of Directors. They knew this was controversial, and ignored science, individual rights, and health and religious concerns.

1. Religious Exception. The only vaccines I can get are morally tainted. I hold sincere pro-life religious beliefs that prohibit me from participating in or benefiting from an abortion.

https://www.hli.org/resources/aborted-fetal-tissue-in-vaccines/

- 2. Medical exemption. I have already had covid. Many doctors do not advise those to get a vaccine that has already recovered from covid. I am unaware of any proven benefits in this case, and but I am aware of a significant risk of side effects from taking a vaccine. My son's quality of life has been impacted since highschool when he was given a vaccine. https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/lasting-immunity-found-after-recovery-covid-19
- 3. Personal Freedom. The vaccines are still experimental. I believe it is still illegal to coerce free citizens to take experimental vaccines. It should be. We will see how this plays out. At this point, most people that want a vaccine have got it. It is clear that in the USA only about 50% of the population is OK with getting a vaccine. Mandates like this are designed to coerce the remaining 50%. Logically the argument "my body my right" should work for more than abortion.
- 4. Company's already know how to operate without the vaccine. They have been doing it for the last year. Many companies allow for employees to work from home Even health related companies have been using masks social distancing and other protocols for a long time now. Therefore an employee not getting a vaccine cannot in good faith be considered a major inhibitor to a company's business.
- 5. The death rate from Covid has been exaggerated. In Counties where the death data was challenged, they found the official death numbers were 25% higher than it should be. They were counting people that had covid but died of other causes. https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/california-county-cuts-its-covid-death-toll-by-25-after-adjusting-reporting-criteria/ar-AAKLE7r

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- 6. The data does not indicate people of working age need a vaccine. The death rates among working ages 21-65 should be HPE needs to consider. 80% of the deaths are in people 65 or older based on US stats. https://www.statista.com/statistics/1191568/reported-deaths-from-covid-by-age-us/. In my county (Placer County) about 300 died of covid since Mar 2020. If we account for 25% over-reporting and only consider those of working age are talking about 40 deaths. Placer county's population is ~ 400K. The chance of someone dying of Covid in Placer county is 0.01%. However, the chance of getting a severe reaction to the vaccine is higher. (0.5%). A reasonable person would not accept that benefit to risk ratio.
- 7. Data coming out of Israel and UK shows that some vaccines are becoming much less effective as the months go by. CDC has had some very concerning data about vaccines in the last month. The risks of taking a vaccine is significant and has been downplayed to push the vaccine out. Requiring discriminates against people that have high risk of taking vaccines. https://www.ipost.com/%20israel-pfizer-news/is-israel-or-the-uk-right-when-it-comes-to-covid-19-vaccine-effectiveness-674766
- 8. Can anyone answer these questions...

Will getting the shot... Prevent me from getting Covid? No

Can you predict if I will have severe side effects? No

Can you tell me if there are any long term side effects? No

Is there a chance this shot will wear out? YES

Will getting the shot... Prevent me from Spreading covid? No

9. Other treatments have proven very successful in helping people recover from covid if used early. For some reason, we are still having a hard time allowing people to obtain and use safe drugs that now have shown some substantial effectiveness in recovering from Covid. My mother-in-law that was at high risk, on oxygen, and had severely compromised lung capacity recovered from Covid using such medications. Anecdotal evidence. But I have heard of many with similar experiences.

For those reasons the idea of requiring a shot should be a non-starter. The socialist pressure to have our government gain authority over individual healthcare is intense. A company requiring vaccines for all their employees has chosen a side against science, and with socialism in this very critical battle over personal rights and freedom.