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Re: HB54, CRIME/MISDEMEANOR: Creates the crime of discrimination based on vaccination status

Members of House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice:

I am writing to ask for your favorable passage of HB54, sponsored by Representatives Bagley and Frieman.

The disturbing acceptance and implementation of discriminatory policies by both government and private entities in the last several months must be addressed by this legislative body. As Governor Edwards stated last year, “Discrimination is not a Louisiana value,” and yet cities like New Orleans have embraced policies that deny their own citizens access to civil society. Being forced to reveal private medical information to enter an establishment, to buy food, to have access to employment and education, and to participate in society violate the very ethics of our Republic which ensure a right to privacy and a right to human dignity.

Additionally, the discriminatory policies have negatively affected the Louisiana economy, as they should. Discrimination and segregation are alive and well in the Deep South. Policies that intentionally deny goods and services based on an individual’s “physical condition” are an embarrassment to our state and should be rejected.

The willingness to invade privacy and force the acknowledgement of a medical procedure is more than just bad manners. It is a practice that demeans and demoralizes both young and old. Ironically, while these discriminatory policies reject traditional southern hospitality, they also reject the scientific reality of the product they are meant to endorse. When it comes to stopping and transmitting a virus, the card in your hand is as useless as the shot in your arm.

Kind regards,
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