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## Testimony on Assembly Bill 985

Thank you, Representative Knodl and members of the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, for allowing me to provide testimony on Assembly Bill 985 to prohibit putting vaccination status on identification documents. This simple bill ensures medical privacy.

Many believed the vaccine was the only way to get through the COVID-19 pandemic. Rumors of vaccine mandates to fly, take a cruise, attend a sporting event, and others spread like wildfire.

I have heard from many constituents who are opposed to vaccine mandates. I take their concerns very seriously.

This bill prohibits state or local governments from issuing identification cards that contain a person's vaccination status against COVID-19. These identification documents include a driver's license, university ID, employee badge if you work for the state or a local government, and new identification card to prove you have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

When a person is pulled over by law enforcement, the officer should not have to see if someone is vaccinated. My neighbors who work as election officials do not need to see if I have been vaccinated when I present my ID to vote. A person's health decisions should be private unless they choose to share that information.

State law is not clear on what constitutes an identification document unfortunately. A concern has been raised that the Wisconsin Immunization Registry's documents will be considered an identification document. I will be amending the bill to clarify that it does apply the immunization registry.

I thank you again for hearing this legislation, and would be glad to answer any questions you might have.

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From: Senator Kathy Bernier  
To: The Assembly Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight  
Re: Testimony on Assembly Bill 985  
Relating to: inclusion of vaccination status on identification documents issued by a state or local government.  
Date: March 1, 2022

Thank you, Chair Knodl and committee members for hearing today's bill.

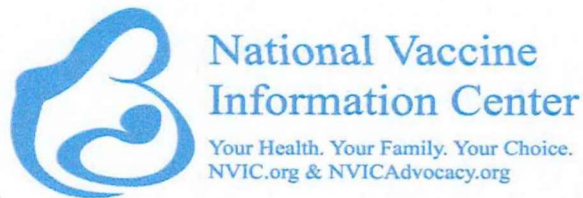
Fortunately, leaders across the state and the country seem to finally be coming to their senses and easing many of the restrictions that were put into place (without any scientific basis or evidence that they worked) over the past two years.

One lingering and troubling development that we must prepare for is the threat of "vaccine passports" thereby creating a two-tiered society. This bill is simple. It prohibits a state agency or local government from creating and/or issuing any ID card that contains information about an individual's immunity status related to COVID-19.

We consistently saw those who were most fervently pushing lockdowns, mask mandates, and vaccine requirements flouting the law when they thought they could get away with it. The past two years have been an exercise in the liberal left's "rules for thee, not for me" attitude. The lockdowns have irreparably harmed lives and have destroyed trust in our government and our leaders.

Some businesses and organizations are now incorporating proof of vaccination for employment or to receive services. If a person wishes to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, they have the chance to do so and receive a vaccination card. State IDs should not be used as documentation for vaccination status. Requiring medical information on non-medical identification cards is a dangerous precedent that puts everyone's privacy at risk.

This bill is a much-needed safeguard against additional government overreach, and I ask you to please support it.



**Submission to the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Government  
Accountability and Oversight  
Support of AB985 and AB986 – March 1, 2022  
By Judith Jolly, RN, BSN – Wisconsin State Director**

My name is Judith Jolly, and I am a resident of Pardeeville Wisconsin. I am a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science in nursing and the Wisconsin State Director as well as the Director of Diseases and Vaccine Website Content for the National Vaccine Information Center, the nation's oldest vaccine safety and informed consent advocacy organization.

For 40 years, the national charitable non-profit NVIC has been dedicated to preventing vaccine injuries and deaths through public education and advocating for informed consent protections in medical policies and public health laws. We defend the human right to freedom of thought and conscience and support the inclusion of flexible medical, religious and conscientious belief exemptions in vaccine policies and laws.

NVIC supports AB985 and AB986 and respectfully request that this committee vote in favor of these bills.

Individuals should have the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or any other vaccine or pharmaceutical product. However, as the receipt of these products is a personal and private medical decision, they must be treated as such, and not be permitted to be identified on any public documents issued by the State. While NVIC supports AB985, we respectfully request that this bill be expanded to include all vaccines and pharmaceutical products. Personal medical decisions are confidential choices made by individuals based on many factors which may include personal or health history, religious or philosophical beliefs, risk versus benefit, and more. NVIC urges this committee to protect the right to medical confidentiality by supporting AB985 and expanding it to cover all vaccine and pharmaceutical products.

All forms of discrimination are unjust in our great state. This includes discrimination against individuals who choose not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or any other vaccine or pharmaceutical product. AB986 is an important step in ensuring that businesses who wish to receive grants and contracts from the state are not discriminating against customers and clients who choose not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. While NVIC supports AB986, we respectfully request that this bill also be expanded to include all vaccines and pharmaceutical products, in addition to the COVID-19 vaccine. Denying an individual the ability to enter a business or receive a service because they have chosen not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or any other pharmaceutical product is discrimination, and it must not be tolerated in Wisconsin. NVIC respectfully requests this committee to support AB 986 and expand it to cover all vaccines and pharmaceutical products.

