

To the honorable members of the House Executive Departments and Administration committee:

My name is Andrew Harmon, and I am a resident of New Hampton, NH. I am writing in opposition to HB 1616, prohibiting state agencies and political subdivisions from advertising or expending funds to advertise vaccines in the state of New Hampshire. I have type 2 diabetes as well as sleep apnea that requires treatment with a portable oxygen concentrator otherwise known as a C-PAP device. As such, I have taken the COVID vaccine each and every year since it was made available to the public, and I seek specifically the Fizer version as that was the one I have experienced the fewest – if any at all – symptoms. I would not have known this if it were not for the combination of advice from my local hospital as well as members of the CVS pharmacy in Keene where I lived in 2020 informing people of their options. If this bill in its current form passes, this kind of information will be extremely curbed in terms of the ability to inform the public, and thus will cut down significantly on how potential consumers like myself from being able to attain the best possible information. The language does not even allow for exemptions in case of a public health emergency, should another once-in-a-century-style pandemic erupt within the state or region.

I thank you for taking the time to read this testimony, and if you have any questions, I am open to discussing them via email or by cell phone at (603) 992-4053. I urge you to please consider ruling Inexpedient to Legislate for the above reasons.

Sincerely

Andrew Harmon, concerned citizen