

August 5, 2021

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
United States Senator, Texas



**Transmittal via electronic mail to Chief of Staff Steve Chartan**

Dear Senator Cruz:

Grayson County Conservatives, along with Wise County Conservatives, Cooke County Conservatives, Lamar County Conservatives, Constitutional Texans, and many other grassroots organizations in the Texas Conservative Grassroots Coalition are seeking an immediate clarification and a retraction of recent social media correspondence, which implies your support for discrimination against unvaccinated Americans.

On July 10, 2021, your official Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages posted a meme that stated:

*"Joe Biden & the CDC need to end mask mandates on airplanes & public transportation for vaccinated Americans."*



This statement, as posted, implies that mask mandates should be ended only for those Americans who have accepted a vaccine. It draws a distinct line between persons who have been vaccinated and those who have not ***and implies that vaccinated persons have rights and privileges above and beyond those enjoyed by unvaccinated persons.*** The problems with this suggestion are broad and dangerous and do not reflect the values of many conservative Texans.

**First, medical segregation and discrimination IN ALL FORMS is despicable.** Forcing the unvaccinated to wear a mask is no different than forcing Rosa Parks to the back of the bus. This division of rights and privileges between groups of people is not acceptable.

**Second, discrimination is a slippery slope that denies luxuries, then denies needs.** It is best to fight discrimination at the first hint of it. For some, flying and public transportation is a luxury; for others it is their livelihood. Recently, President of France, Emmanuel Macron demanded proof of vaccination to visit indoor locations, many of which supply needs. *We need our elected officials to clearly state that this discrimination is wrong.*

**Third, the vaccine is a medical procedure subject to individual choice.** It is not acceptable for a person that chooses not to receive a medical procedure to suffer political consequences. In a free country, this is always an individual choice weighing risk and reward. *It is the game of tyrants to use coercive means to force obedience.*

**Fourth, the safety and efficacy of the vaccine is highly suspect.** At this time, all of the COVID vaccines are officially designated as experimental. While this designation may change, this will for years remain the case as there are no long-term studies and the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are based on a first-run mRNA technology. As expected, new and severe adverse effects are discovered on-the-fly as this experiment on humans continues.

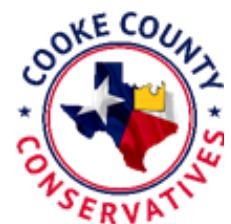
**Fifth, a person's medical status is private.** The suggestion that one class of people should be able to fly or use public transportation indicates that there should be something to determine who has and has not received the vaccine. *Does this statement indicate you are in favor of some form of vaccine passport?*

Senator, clarification is needed on your specific position. **Our team has made multiple attempts to gain clarification from your office** and have been unable to determine your specific stance. Do you indeed believe that the vaccinated should have rights and privileges beyond those enjoyed by the unvaccinated?

Regardless of clarification, we further believe that a retraction is necessary. There is a propaganda war that seeks to divide the population based on vaccination status. Intentionally or not, this meme implies that this discrimination is acceptable.

To be clear on our position, we are against ALL mask mandates and strongly support the end of such mandates for ALL Americans. Further, we strongly believe that discrimination against the unvaccinated in any form is not acceptable. ***This letter is an appeal to human decency, with full awareness that the darkest times in history have often centered around some form of unjust discrimination.***

Sincerely,



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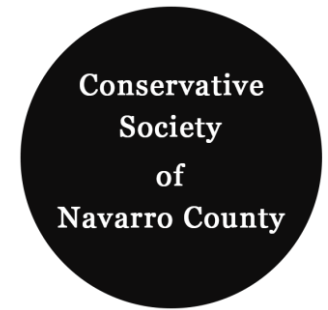
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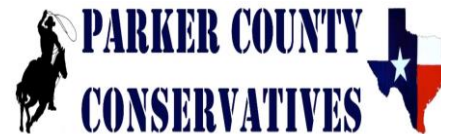
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**Grayson County Conservatives  
Addendum to original letter of July 16, 2021**

July 26, 2021

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
United States Senator, Texas

Since the release of our original letter to you, dated July 16, 2021, it has come to our attention that you have filed a bill, the language of which matches the divisive message presented with the concerning memes posted to your social media accounts. **The meme and bill both offer rights and privileges to the vaccinated that are not enjoyed by the unvaccinated.**

At this time, Grayson County Conservatives would like to update our inquiry and are asking for a detailed explanation of [the following language in the bill S.1932](#), introduced by you on May 27, 2021.

**Page 38 EXCLUSIONS.** —*Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the term “discriminate against a qualified individual on the basis of vaccination status” does not include-*

- (A) requiring physical distancing by or from individuals who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 or have not been fully vaccinated for COVID-19;
- (B) requiring a qualified employee to wear a mask or to utilize other personal protective equipment; or
- (C) conducting any symptom check as described in subsection (d)(3).

**Page 50 DISTANCING AND PPE.** —*Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an individual shall not be considered to be discriminated against on the basis of vaccination status in violation of this section if that individual is required to engage in physical distancing, wear a mask, or wear personal protective equipment.*

This language clearly and systemically discriminates against those that choose not to be vaccinated. The definition of discrimination in the bill allows for obvious discrimination through mask mandates, medical checks, and social distancing requirements. This language is echoed throughout the bill.

This concern was voiced by the overwhelming majority of responses to your memes on social media and is shared by many Texans and conservative grassroots organizations who requested to sign onto the letter with their name and/or organization. These signers are conservatives who have championed for your election. We deserve clarification, retraction and someone who will fight for the absolute rights of all Americans, not just those that choose to be vaccinated.

As you are certainly aware, if federal law is signed to discriminate in any way against the unvaccinated, then this discrimination will exist perpetually and will expand infinitely over time.

The time to stop this coercion and discrimination is now.

In Liberty,

Grayson County Conservatives