

I was employed throughout the entire pandemic but was terminated on November 1, 2021, for not taking the COVID-19 vaccine. What I witnessed regarding the pandemic did not match how it was portrayed.

I contracted COVID-19 and had a positive antibody test in August 2021. In October 2021, I submitted this test along with a religious exemption request. I was told that if I did not receive the vaccine, I would be terminated. Following my termination, I was denied unemployment benefits for not obeying the mandate. I have been an RN for over 30 years, and the treatment of healthcare professionals who questioned the mandate was disgraceful. I ultimately retired early, losing part of my pension and Social Security.

Patients were not treated properly during this pandemic. The lack of patient advocates likely led to a number of deaths, having a family member in my experience has always been beneficial for pts and patients were placed on ventilators .Furthermore, hospitals canceled surgeries, left units empty, and called off staff, myself included .

To this day, some hospitals in Rhode Island still require this vaccine for employment, resulting in short staffing that is detrimental to these facilities. The truth needs to be told. There are many of us throughout the country waiting and hoping that people will listen and that change will occur.

Thank you to the senators, congressmen, and congresswomen who are working to ensure our truths are heard.

Thank you,

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