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Other Concerns

Drs. Haney and Record claimed Dr. Moon failed to request and report an absence in order to travel to Washington and testify on the panel, which would violate faculty rules.

They also said that Dr. Moon did not make clear she was not speaking on behalf of Washington State University, another possible rule violation, and that other parts of the roundtable were "inconsistent with expectations of the evidence-based medical education expected in developing a future generation of physicians."

They added, ***"The expressed views will require us to review your teaching assignments in the frame of the education of our students."***

Emails reviewed by The Epoch Times show Dr. Moon did not list the university in a bio she provided Mr. Johnson's office. The bio stated that her views were her own and that she was not speaking on behalf of any institutions with which she has or is affiliated.

Mr. Johnson, in introducing Dr. Moon, did not mention any institution but also did not mention the latter part of the bio.

Dr. Moon's placard did not list an institution. One of the video streams of the panel listed Washington State University. A university investigator noted that in one email.

"I was unaware of this happening and did everything in my power to prevent it by sending the press release and making sure not to mention the name of any employer either with my words or on the cardboard placard in front of me," Dr. Moon told The Epoch Times.

According to other emails, Dr. Moon requested substitutes for Dec. 6, 2021, and Dec. 8, 2021, the days before and after the panel. She was not scheduled to teach on the day of the panel. University employees responded to the messages by saying they were looking for or had found substitutes, and the university investigator confirmed that substitutes were ultimately found for both days.

"I did it the way we've always done it. My senior physicians approved it; we had substitutes for my classes," Dr. Moon told The Epoch Times.

A university spokesman declined to comment on the situation.

"As a matter of policy WSU does not comment on personnel matters," the spokesman told The Epoch Times via email.

It's unclear if the university ultimately referred Dr. Moon to the medical commission. Dr. Moon is part of a lawsuit against the commission for enforcing its misinformation statement without proper adoption. She says the threat of having her license revoked caused her to not renew her license and has impacted her constitutional right to free speech.

Trend?

Dr. Moon said she's concerned about medical schools no longer serving as venues for discussion and critical thinking.

She recalled being called into the office of a superior over student complaints. She learned that the students complained about Dr. Moon noting correctly that some information about the COVID-19 vaccines was unknown, such as where in the body the ingredients were distributed and whether they would cause certain health problems.

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"I just engaged in some critical thinking with my students. I thought it was something that we're supposed to do in discussion groups, and they had asked me, right?" Dr. Moon said.

"They said that I had caused them trauma and harm by telling them that the vaccines might not be 100 percent safe. Again, these are medical students. This is a medical school. Nothing is 100 percent safe, not even aspirin is 100 percent safe. Everything has the potential for a reaction. So to have that be a complaint against me really surprised me and it really concerned me."

Another complaint related to how Dr. Moon, after students asked how her week in the clinic had gone, relayed how she had seen anxious and depressed children.

Dr. Moon attributed the problems to the harsh lockdowns imposed in Washington state, like much of the country, and questioned why those policies were put into place when children face little risk from COVID-19.

"I just said to my students, I think we need to rethink this masking that we're doing and the social distancing and isolating, I wonder if CDC has considered that we need to think about isolating our more vulnerable in our communities and keeping them more safe and keeping them at home but letting our kids go out there," Dr. Moon said, referring to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"My students again stated that they were traumatized and harmed by that discussion, in a discussion group in a graduate-level medical school," Dr. Moon said. "This is happening nationwide. Our students have lost that ability, I think, to tolerate critical thinking, and to hear perspectives that are different than the main narrative or the main party line that is being pushed."

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Doctor Stripped of Board Certification Over 'COVID-19 Misinformation'

Jamie White · March 22, 2023

Florida physician Dr. John Littell says he's being targeted by "corrupt" medical establishment for promoting ivermectin and warning of COVID vaccine risks.

The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) stripped the certification of Florida-based doctor John Littell, a U.S. Army veteran and family physician who had made headlines for using Ivermectin to treat thousands of Covid-19 patients.

Dr. Littell was **kicked out** of a Sarasota Memorial Hospital board meeting last month after highlighting anecdotes of patients who quickly recovered from COVID after he treated them with ivermectin.

"I got disciplined for giving Ivermectin which got a young mom out of the hospital in three days when she would have died," said Dr. Littell speaking outside the hospital.

Part 2 of my interview with Dr Littell after he was removed from the Sarasota Memorial Hospital meeting on Covid-19

protocols. pic.twitter.com/gVCR5580ii

— Chris Nelson us 🇺🇸 (@ReOpenChris) **February 22, 2023**

But the ABFM wrote a letter to Dr. Littell saying he'd be stripped of his certification, which he had since July 13, 1990, for spreading "COVID-19 misinformation."

"ABFM has determined that your Public Channels contain false, inaccurate and misleading statements constituting health misinformation and disinformation about COVID-19, the COVID-19 vaccine, and the effort of public health officials to address the COVID-19 pandemic through vaccination and other mitigation measures," the **letter** states.

"ABFM has determined that all of the statements include demonstrably false, inaccurate, and/or misleading statements about COVID-19 and vaccination against COVID-19 and represent an ongoing pattern of dissemination of health misinformation."

In the letter, "Professional Specialist" Andrea D. Back also downplays the myocarditis risks the COVID jab has on young people.

"The myocarditis caused by COVID vaccination is mild and not associated with fatalities," Back states. Littell told The Floridian that he was being politically targeted by the "corrupt" organization.

"I guarantee this was done because of the viral video," **said** Littell in regard to the video of him being removed from Sarasota Memorial Hospital's board meeting. "If you decertify every physician for talking about the safety of a drug you would decertify everyone."

"We will ultimately prevail, not only in the legal arena, but primarily in the court of public opinion," said Littell in a written statement. "If Americans want to have physicians who are truly independent, who value the Sanctity of the physician/patient relationship, and who practice according to the basic tenet, "first, do no harm," – then we, together, must fight against those institutions, such as the specialty boards, which choose rather to treat us like trainable puppies, with choke collars and tight leashes, preparing to discipline us, whenever we choose to exercise our First Amendment right to speak freely about the potential dangers of certain medications, vaccines or procedures which will, in truth, do harm to the patients we serve."

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Texas Medical Board Suspends Doctor for Choosing to Do No Harm

Paul Dowling April 4, 2023

(See updates and corrections at the end of the article.)

Hippocrates wrote, in *Of the Epidemics*, "The physician must... have two special objects in view with regard to disease, namely, to do good or to do no harm." After all, the goal of medical care is to relieve pain and discomfort -- to make life easier for the patient. The Texas Medical Board, however, does not see it that way. Because Dr. Eric Hensen of Palestine, Texas, did not universally force his ear-nose-and-throat patients to block their airways by masking, the TMB has suspended his medical license. So, the medical tyranny of the TMB continues. (Earlier this month, the TMB declared war on Dr. Mary Talley Bowden for prescribing Ivermectin off-label.)

Dr. Hensen earned his medical degree at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Michigan. The good doctor then completed two residency programs: "one in general surgery at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and the other in ENT and oro-facial plastic surgery at the Tulsa Regional Medical Center in Oklahoma." Paul Davis, Hensen's lawyer, defended Hensen, declaring, "This arbitrary ridiculous order by the Texas Medical Board required him to put masks on all his ears, nose and throat patients, who already have difficulty breathing. So, bottom line, the Texas Medical Board is taking a doctor's license in the state of Texas, shutting down his practice, because he refused to do harm to his patients." Hensen has said he will file suit.

(Although Dr. Hensen's battle with the medical board involved masks for himself and his patients, for suspension purposes, the Board narrowed the suspension charge to address only Dr. Hensen's refusal to place a mask on his own face.)

Hypercapnia and Hypoxia

One issue, when it comes to masking, is the fact that -- especially in the cases of those who are already having trouble breathing -- the practice can lead to hypercapnia (aka hypercarbia), an affliction caused by the re-inhalation of carbon dioxide from one's previously-exhaled breath; this is easily caused by wearing a mask snug enough to prevent carbon dioxide from being fully expelled prior to the patient's next breath. According to the Cleveland Clinic, the symptoms of hypercarbia are these: shortness of breath, headaches, sluggishness, disorientation, confusion, paranoia, depression, and seizures.

The reduction of oxygen in the bloodstream that can occur as a result of hypercapnia is known as hypoxia, a condition that can cause harm to the brain, eyes, ears, heart, skin, and other organs of the body. Symptoms of hypoxia are wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, and sweating. These symptoms occur as the heart struggles to pump blood more quickly, in order to force enough oxygenated blood out to the organs of the body to sustain them.

Both hypercapnia and hypoxia are considered serious enough to require immediate medical attention. So, why would an ENT doctor wish to force his patients with breathing problems to block their air passages?

Bacterial Pneumonia

It was Dr. James Meehan who, during the time of COVID, sounded the alarm that all maskers were being exposed to well-known medical risks: "I'm seeing patients that have facial rashes, fungal infections, bacterial infections. Reports coming from my colleagues, all over the world, are suggesting that the bacterial pneumonias are on the rise." And, indeed, it was bacterial pneumonia that did most of the killing during the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918. In fact, Dr. Anthony Fauci and his coauthors, in a now-famous article on this very subject, claimed the following:

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The majority of deaths in the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic likely resulted directly from secondary bacterial pneumonia caused by common upper respiratory-tract bacteria. Less substantial data from the subsequent 1957 and 1968 pandemics are consistent with these findings... Pandemic planning needs to go beyond addressing the viral cause alone (e.g., influenza vaccines and antiviral drugs). Prevention, diagnosis, prophylaxis, and treatment of secondary bacterial pneumonia, as well as stockpiling of antibiotics and bacterial vaccines, should also be high priorities for pandemic planning.

This danger of deadly bacterial infection (exacerbated by masking) is why Azithromycin has been prescribed by knowledgeable doctors -- along with the antiviral Hydroxychloroquine (and later Ivermectin) -- in the treatment of COVID patients. And, by providing a breeding ground for germs, masks cause their wearers to inhale whatever bacteria may have nested there.

Masking Is Ineffective Against Viruses

According to the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, has a diameter of 0.125 microns. But, because the holes in a surgical mask measure 100 microns across, a surgical mask cannot block a particle with a diameter smaller than 100 microns, a diameter that is 800 times greater than that of the COVID virus. In other words, COVID goes through surgical masks like sand through chicken wire. (The purpose of a surgical mask is to protect patients' open wounds against unsanitary particles that may drop from the nose, mouth, or skin of a surgeon.)

So, not only is the Texas Medical Board guilty of injustice in their sanctioning of Dr. Hensen, but they are also responsible for prescribing treatment that amounts to nothing less than medical malpractice. If this author can uncover the research reported in this article, why is it that the twelve members of the Texas Medical Board are ostensibly so inept as to be unable to do the same? Perhaps doctors like Eric Hensen and Mary Talley Bowden should be running the TMB, rather than those who would willingly do harm to patients via the unexampled one-prescription-fits-all protocol of a universal masking mandate.

***Updates and corrections:** This article was prepared for publication on April 3, so that it could be published on April 4. Unbeknownst to us, on April 3, Dr. Hensen's suspension was removed, with that information made public on April 4. This essay has also been updated to reflect the fact, although Dr. Hensen's battle with the medical board involved masks for himself and his patients, for suspension purposes, the board narrowed the suspension charge to address only Dr. Hensen's refusal to place a mask on his own face.*

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Medical Board Suspends License Of Doctor Critical Of COVID-19 Vaccines

AUG 16, 2023 Zachary Stieber

The State Medical Board of Ohio has suspended the license of a doctor who has offered criticism of COVID-19 vaccines. The board suspended Dr. Sherri Tenpenny's license and fined her \$3,000 because she allegedly refused to respond properly to complaints that poured in after she testified to state lawmakers.

The suspension is for an indefinite period.

"In short, Dr. Tenpenny did not simply fail to cooperate with a Board investigation, she refused to cooperate. And that refusal was based on her unsupported and subjective belief regarding the Board's motive for the investigation," Kimberly Lee, a state official, said in [the suspension order](#).

"Licensees of the Board cannot simply refuse to cooperate in investigations because they decide they do not like what they assume is the reason for the investigation," Ms. Lee said.

State law enables the board to discipline medical professionals for "failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the board."

Dr. Tenpenny said in [a video](#) after the suspension that she had cooperated with the board.

"We cooperated at every level. We looked at the letters; we responded appropriately and legally," Dr. Tenpenny said.

"My lawyers ... drafted responses appropriately and sent it back, and they go, 'nope, you didn't cooperate with us.' Well, I guess that just simply means that they didn't like the answers. But it didn't mean that I failed to cooperate."

Dr. Tenpenny graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1984 and has been practicing medicine since then. The Ohio license is for osteopathic medicine and surgery.

Testimony

The board said that it began investigating Dr. Tenpenny after receiving approximately 350 complaints following her June 2021 testimony to the Ohio House of Representatives Health Committee. The testimony included claims that the COVID-19 vaccines were causing people to become magnetized.

"They can put a key on their forehead, and it sticks," Dr. Tenpenny said at the time.

The doctor also raised concerns about side effects, including heart inflammation, that U.S. officials have since acknowledged are caused by the shots.

The board said it was investigating whether Dr. Tenpenny violated the state's Medical Practices Act.

The law says that the board "shall investigate evidence that appears to show that a person has violated any provision of this chapter," including making a false or misleading statement in relation to the practice of medicine.

Marcie Pastrick, a board attorney, said **the complaints included allegations that, if true, would be violations of the law**. However, the suspension was because of Dr. Tenpenny's alleged refusal to cooperate as opposed to the allegations in those complaints.

Thomas Renz, a lawyer representing Dr. Tenpenny, was cited as telling the board that Dr. Tenpenny was declining to cooperate with what he described as "the board's bad faith and unjustified assault on her licensure, livelihood, and constitutional rights."

He said that Dr. Tenpenny's testimony was based on "factual reports by third parties," including peer-reviewed studies.

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Dr. Tenpenny later told the board that it was investigating without any evidence that she violated state law, but the board noted the volume of complaints and how the law says that the "board shall investigate evidence that appears to show that a person has violated any provision of this chapter."

Dr. Tenpenny must submit an application for reinstatement, pay the fine, and cooperate with the board if she wants it to consider lifting the suspension.

Mr. Renz said that Dr. Tenpenny and her lawyers will fight the suspension in court.

"The board was mad because when they sent her things, we did what they said," he said in a video. "So if, for example, when the board sends out a questionnaire, and it says, 'you can either answer this or you can object, and if you object we can compel'—which means going to court to compel—we objected. Well, they didn't want to go to court to compel, because that would be very inconvenient."

Mr. Renz noted that the Ohio Attorney General's Office said that the process for such investigations would "break down" if authorities had to go to the courts each time to compel.

"This is one of the most shocking things I have ever heard," he said. "We need reform. We need political reform. We need to pass laws now."

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Medical Board Suspends Dr. Sherri Tenpenny With ZERO Due Process and NO RECOURSE

J.D. Rucker Aug. 13, 2023

Dr. Sherri Tenpenny has had her license suspended by the Ohio Medical Board and they won't tell her why. Recourse is limited as the Attorney General's office under Republican David Yost has refused to help, opting instead to side with the Board in a conspiracy against Dr. Tenpenny. She has retained freedom-loving attorney Tom Renz to fight represent her.

For full disclosure, I consider Dr. Tenpenny to be a friend. We've done several hours worth of interviews over the years. We share a strong trust in the Bible and a healthy distrust of the Medical Tyranny Industrial Complex. Her attorney is also a very good and trusted friend.

Here's Renz laying out what's at stake:

In an egregious assault on the 5th & 6th Amendments the Ohio Medical Board has suspended Dr. Sherri Tenpenny's medical license without even a pretense of due process. So absurd was this action that the assistant AG from the #REPUBLICAN #Ohio Attorney General's office literally argued in an open hearing that @BusyDrT does not have a right to know what she's been accused of & that due process in the courts would "breakdown the processes of investigations."

We are calling for legislative reform in Ohio & for the #GOP Governor – Mike DeWine – and GOP AG David Yost to state for the record whether they believe licensed professionals like doctors and lawyers should receive due process before their rights are taken away.

To be clear, this is really an action to censor Dr. Tenpenny for speaking out about COVID and the #vaccines. The state medical boards appear to be acting on behalf of the corrupt #Biden admin to continue to censor people. PLEASE HELP GET THIS OUT. #WeThePeople MUST stand against this corruption. Full interview below.

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— Tom Renz (@RenzTom) **August 12, 2023**

Here's that interview: <https://rumble.com/v36okqu-dr.-sherri-tenpenny-show-me-the-health-freedom-doctor-and-the-medical-board.html>

When patriots tell me the solutions to our problems rest in electing Republicans, I point out people like DeWine and Yost as examples of how the UniParty swamp works on both sides of the aisle. We need America First freedom defenders, not RINOs. There's a huge difference, as Dr. Tenpenny is now learning.

Let's get the word out. Share this with friends and family so we can get as much coverage of this story as possible. By denying Dr. Tenpenny has rights, they are attempting to sweep this under the rug. Let's not let them. Sound off about this on [my Substack](#).

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Florida Doctor Reinstated After Losing Board Certification For Criticizing COVID-19 Vaccines

SEP 03, 2023 Natasha Holt

A Florida physician known for being outspoken about COVID-related topics has regained his board certification that was stripped because he publicly criticized COVID vaccines.

Now, Dr. John Littell is moving forward from the experience with plans to help future physicians defend themselves when disciplined for voicing viewpoints that are not in the majority, he told The Epoch Times.

Dr. Littell, a longtime family physician in Ocala and a medical school professor, began posting videos sharing his thoughts about COVID-19 testing, treatments, and vaccines early in the pandemic. He was frustrated to find his content often was pulled down from his YouTube channel.

But he fought against what he saw as censorship by moving the content to other platforms, such as Rumble, he said.

Then, in January 2022 and again five months later, he received warning letters from the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), the organization that issued his certification for his medical specialty.

The letter stated that his videos on YouTube and Rumble spread "medical misinformation" and could put his board certification in jeopardy, he said.

The ABFM declined to comment on the matter because the board's "*policy indicates we are unable to comment about professionalism cases,*" an unidentified spokesperson said in an email to The Epoch Times.

The ABFM is the third largest of the 24 boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties. More than 100,000 family medicine doctors are certified by the board, according to its website.

To keep their certification, physicians must uphold the board's ethical standards and "guidelines for professionalism, licensure, and personal conduct," the website states.

In letters from the board, Dr. Littell was told his public statements violated those guidelines. Dr. Littell responded to the letters and continued to speak publicly and post videos about the subjects, he said.

Months later, when he didn't hear back, he said he thought the threat was gone.

"I was very happily under the radar," he said.

Outrage Over Ivermectin

That changed after he was escorted out of a Sarasota Memorial Hospital board meeting in February for approaching a board member behind the dais. He wanted to thank the board member, he said, for letting him speak at the meeting. He didn't realize that move would be seen as inappropriate, he said.

Though he's cared for many patients in hospitals, he'd never attended a hospital board meeting, let alone a contentious one, he said.

That day, medical freedom activists filled the boardroom to speak against the public hospital's policies during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Many were angry their loved ones were denied the opportunity to try ivermectin,** an antiparasitic for humans and animals widely used by some in treating COVID-19, and other treatments.

Dr. Littell spoke cordially to board members from the podium, an Epoch Times reporter confirmed. He told board members how treating patients with ivermectin had been his key to success in helping them recover. And he praised hospital personnel for their work during the pandemic.

Shortly after that, security guards escorted him outside.

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A video of Dr. Littell's removal from the meeting by security guards was posted to social media and received millions of views and media coverage. And that thrust him back in the spotlight as a doctor vocal about COVID-19 policies.

"I had a target on my back," he said.

He questioned whether someone else would have been removed for the same reason.

Many doctors have faced consequences for questioning the efficacy and safety of COVID-19 vaccines and for advocating for the use of medicines such as ivermectin in the treatment of the disease.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) wrote in one social media post about ivermectin: **"You are not a horse. You are not a cow. Seriously, y'all. Stop it."** It linked to a page entitled **"Why You Should Not Use Ivermectin to Treat or Prevent COVID-19."**

Three doctors sued the FDA over the statements, saying it had no power to tell doctors which drugs to prescribe.

On Sept. 1, a federal court ruled that the agency likely overstepped its authority when it told Americans to "stop" using ivermectin against COVID-19. The FDA can inform, but has "no authority" to recommend consumers "stop" taking medicine, U.S. Circuit Judge Don Willett wrote in the ruling.

Accused of 'Spreading False' Information

The month after Dr. Littell spoke in Sarasota, the board sent a letter saying he'd been de-certified for "spreading false, inaccurate, and misleading materials about COVID-19, COVID-19 vaccination, and treatment and mitigation of the virus," The Epoch Times confirmed.

A letter reviewed by The Epoch Times stated that if Dr. Littell appealed the decision within 20 days, he would continue to be represented by the board, pending a review of his case by the professionalism committee of the ABFM board of directors.

The reason for the decision to review his record was because of his past suggestions the COVID-19 vaccine was a product of genetic engineering, causing deaths in children and causing the rise of the Delta variant, the letter indicated. It also referenced "false" statements made by Drs. Ryan Cole and Robert Malone, who spoke at a medical freedom conference Dr. Littell organized in October 2022.

In the letter, the board also criticized Dr. Littell for "offering to provide medical exemptions from vaccination" to patients across the country and "publicly comparing the U.S. public health system's response to the COVID-19 pandemic to Nazi Germany."

After receiving the troubling letter, Dr. Littell sought the help of attorney Jeff Childers, a business attorney in Gainesville, Florida. Since the COVID-19 lockdowns began, Mr. Childers has become active in lawsuits around the country related to medical freedom. He authors a daily blog called Coffee and Covid, which started by chronicling COVID-19 issues and now tracks other social and political issues, as well.

Mr. Childers crafted a 64-page appeal to the board, dissecting every accusation made against Dr. Littell, an Epoch Times reporter confirmed. And as word of the threat to Dr. Littell's board certification spread—a move that would prevent him from practicing medicine—medical freedom activists rose up to take his side.

A GiveSendGo.com campaign was started to collect donations to fund his legal fees. More than 6,400 people donated almost \$255,000. And more than 1,900 pledged to pray for Dr. Littell.

The Global Covid Summit, an international group of doctors focused on medical freedom in COVID-19 treatment, sent a letter signed by 169 doctors to the ABFM in support of Dr. Littell. In the letter, they argued that the board was false in every accusation made against Dr. Littell.

Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo also voiced support for Dr. Littell.

"What they're doing is being a bully," he said in an interview with The Floridian. "It's not going to age well. "I read the letter from the Board, and it's dripping with political animosity."

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Both Rep. Pete Sessions (R-Texas) and Dr. Littell's congresswoman, Rep. Kat Cammack (R-Fla.) sent letters in his defense to the board, Dr. Littell said.

"I've got to believe it's not in the dozens, but probably in the hundreds of people who called and sent letters to the American Board of Family Medicine," Dr. Littell said.

"I never asked them to, but that is what was happening."

In July, Dr. Littell received word that the board had reviewed his case and retroactively de-certified him for three months, from March 16 to June 16. He never stopped seeing patients.

"It's like a slap on the wrist so they'd feel good about it, but wouldn't, presumably, have to face any legal action," he said.

His attorney agreed.

"They did it in a very face-saving way," Mr. Childers said.

But ultimately, he's pleased with the decision.

"We were really surprised and gratified that we were able to achieve that result," Mr. Childers said.

Dr. Littell credits it to being "a God thing" that he was able to keep caring for patients and face a decertification period only retroactively.

"If they had said I was decertified, I would not have been able to do what I was doing. I mean, especially with the hospital care patients. I could have gotten into big trouble."

He still may face consequences for having the blemish on his record, he said. He'll have to report it to the hospitals at which he works and explain what happened, he said.

"Every time I go up for privileges with a hospital or any other institution, they're going to say, 'Well, has your license ever been suspended or revoked, and has your board certification ever been revoked?' So, it's still an issue. It's not like you can just forget about it."

He's been advised by some other doctors, such as cardiologist Peter McCullough, to pursue legal action for the disciplinary measure they feel was wrong, he said.

Continuing to Speak Out

Dr. Littell continues to speak out about the same topics. So he suspects he'll face retribution again, he said.

"The way I read the letter, it's sort of like a warning," Dr. Littell said.

The board, he said, seemed to be sending the warning, *"If you act up again, we know it's a privilege to have this board certification, and it can be removed at any time."*

And the next time, the punishment is likely to escalate.

"The implication is that if it happens again, it's going to be more than just three months," Mr. Childers said.

Around the country, a slew of doctors had board certifications removed and licensure threatened for sharing their COVID-related opinions.

"Most people would probably be surprised to find out there's a lot of this going on, now that the pandemic is over," Mr. Childers said.

"From what I've heard, there's probably more challenges to doctor licensing right now than at any other time."

But because most doctors aren't vocal about receiving discipline, it's hard to know exactly how often it's occurring, he said.

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Doctors who have been active on social media seem to be targeted more often by medical authorities, he said.

Doctors who were not actively posting their thoughts about COVID-19 on social media "should feel very confident that if they follow a similar approach to what Dr. Littell did, they could hope for a good result at this point," he said.

Obtaining good legal advice is key, he said. It also helps to spread the word.

"All too often doctors either ignore these kinds of letters until it's too late because they're embarrassed, or they try to handle it on their own," he said.

"It's important that people know when this happens. And if they'll let folks know, they'll find that they get a lot of support."

Dr. Littell has no plans to keep quiet about what he feels went wrong during the COVID-19 pandemic

"I'm not letting up," he said.

He's organizing his third annual medical freedom summit in November called "Food, Family & Medical Freedom" in Ocala, Florida at the World Equestrian Center.

Helping Future Doctors

He intends to use the remaining money donated to his legal fund to help others respond to similar licensure problems, especially threats faced by medical students, he said.

He's trying "to come up with a legal, legislative, and public relations strategy that helps future physicians," he said. When they see practicing doctors disciplined and "raked over the coals" for speaking out about medical freedom issues, it deters good people from pursuing a degree in medicine, he said.

"I would like the medical freedom fighters, as I'm calling them, to create a sanctuary for pre-med, especially, and medical school students."

"Early on, even in the colleges, they weed out the physicians who dare to question the narrative or challenge it," he said, of those who insist that doctors decrees made by federal health agencies.

But asking questions and challenging prevailing thought is important to the goal of continually improving medical treatments, he said.

"And that intellectual curiosity is what we're so desperately lacking now in medicine, and in most professions."

He also envisions the network expanding to help connect like-minded educators in colleges, universities, and medical schools to share their ideas without fear of being in opposition to "woke" ideology, he said.

He hopes to see that network push back against "lockstep mentality" and help students who are suffering because of it.

Medical students taught by Dr. Littell often tell him how difficult it is to be entering the field of medicine at this time, he said.

One student told him that his second-year class was forced to be vaccinated for COVID-19, he said. Classmates were told by their university they'd be "thrown out" of medical school in two weeks if they didn't comply, Dr. Littell said.

Medical freedom activists upset about COVID-19 vaccines and other issues gather to voice concerns to lawmakers on the first day of the Florida Legislature's annual regular session at the Capitol in Tallahassee on March 7, 2023. (Courtesy of Justin Harvey)

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The student told him that, although more than half the class didn't want the vaccine, they felt they had no other option, Dr. Littell said. Weeks later, the mandate was lifted. But it was too late—many students already had submitted to getting the shot they didn't want.

"It's like they [university officials] were playing games," he said. "And the students didn't know any better.

"They just don't have enough support," Dr. Littell lamented. "They want to say things, but they're afraid they're going to get disciplined if they speak out."

He sees bringing people together to unite in their pushback against prevailing opinions as a revolutionary concept.

"It's really no different than what our Founding Fathers did," Dr. Littell said.

"They realized that they were victims of repression. But there also were people comfortable with the status quo. That's what is in our medical schools right now and is what we all need to fight against.

"People should be allowed to question and use their God-given intellect, and not be censored or disciplined for doing so."

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Virologist Who Told Dr. Fauci Coronavirus Was Likely Engineered and Got Paid After Backtracking on Claims – Just Deleted 5,000 Tweets – Then DELETED ENTIRE ACCOUNT

Jim Hoft Jun. 6, 2021

On February 1, 2020, Dr. Kristian Andersen emailed Dr. Fauci and passed on the findings from several doctors that the coronavirus had “unusual features” that “potentially look engineered.”

Fauci was notified that the virus was not naturally occurring.

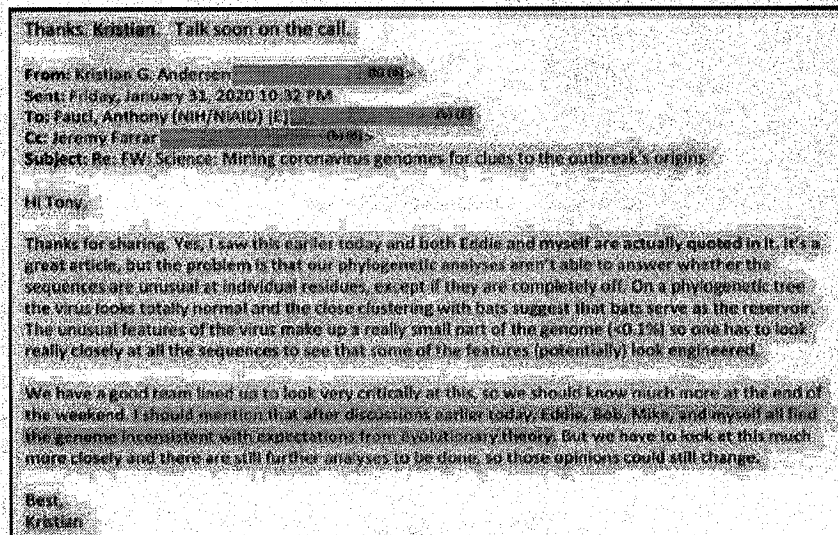
But he denied this information publicly for over a year!

Scientist Kristian Anderson told Fauci SARS-CoV-2 has “unusual features” that “potentially look engineered”. Not long after this email, the scientists authored a piece insisting the virus was natural and Fauci said the same publicly. This is a massive cover-up.

(Buzzfeed FOIA) pic.twitter.com/BD3OUzgDzR

— Sharri Markson (@SharriMarkson) [June 2, 2021](#)

Here is a copy of the email.



What was interesting is that **two months later** Dr. Andersen reversed course and published his “proximal Origin” paper where he helped shield NIH/NIAD and Dr. Fauci from potential probes into gain of function funding.

Also why did Dr. Fauci have such a need to promote the report promoting a report “Baric, Shi, et al – Nature medicine – SARS gain of function.pdf.” Fauci sent it out to colleagues as “IMPORTANT” to defend their actions with funding gain of function research.

And then five months after that Dr. Kristian Andersen received \$1.88 million in CREID funding from the NIH.

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The Coordinating Center, 10 CREIDs, principal investigators, Center name, research regions and grant numbers are:

Donald Brambila, Ph.D., RTE International, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina
Tony Moody, M.D., Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, North Carolina
CREID Coordinating Center: 1 U01AI151378-01

Kristian Andersen, Ph.D., Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, California
West African Emerging Infectious Disease Research Center (WAEIDRC)
West Africa: 1 U01 AI151812-01

Peter Daszak, Ph.D., EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., New York City
Emerging Infectious Diseases South East Asia Research Collaboration Hub (EID-SEARCH-H)
Southeast Asia: 1 U01 AI151797-01

2 months later he reverses course and publishes his "Proximal Origin" paper, helping shield NIH/NIAID from potential probes into its GOF funding.

5 months after that, he gets \$1.88 million in CREID funding, along with Daszak who gets \$1.54 million more. <https://t.co/PPFIMxZd7o> pic.twitter.com/7JmapgRNTm

— Radical Centrist, wrathful tantric deity (@RadCentrism) June 2, 2021

Now internet sleuths have discovered Dr. Kristian Anderson is deleting his tweets — 5,000 of them!

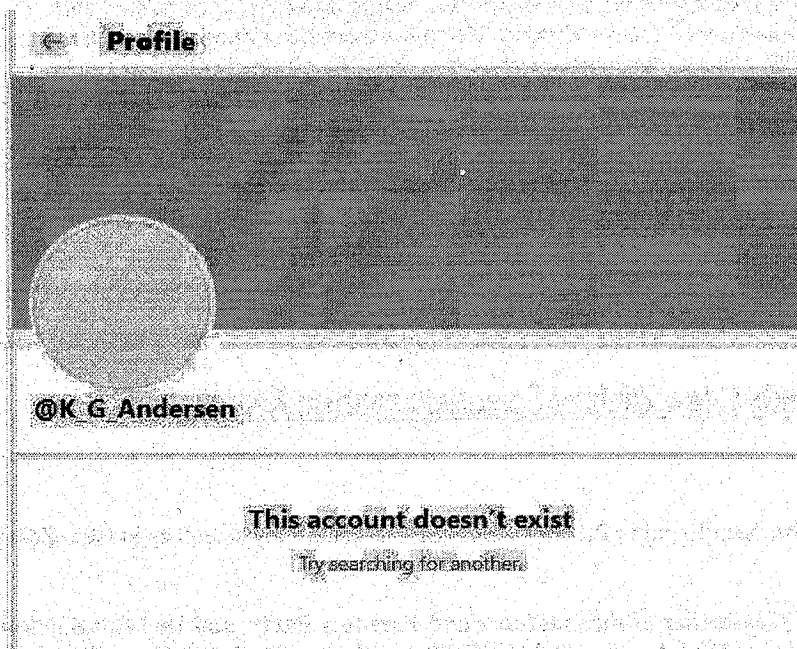
Holy Smokes!

Via CHT:

This is a lie, because all tweets preceding March 7th, 2021 are deleted. This isn't some tool to auto-delete tweets after n time elapses... pic.twitter.com/JMS9PcFLiw

— CHT (@PrometheusAM) June 6, 2021

AND NOW Dr. Kristian Andersen DELETED HIS ACCOUNT!



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Read this entire report at Indeki.com:

A California virologist who told Anthony Fauci that COVID-19 looks 'potentially engineered' and 'inconsistent with expectations from evolutionary theory' – only to later reverse course and publish a 'natural origin' paper 8 weeks later (before receiving a multi million-dollar NIH grant) **has deleted more than 5,000 tweets.**

Kristian G. Anderson who runs the Andersen Lab in La Jolla, CA, wrote in a Feb. 1 email to Fauci "The unusual features of the virus make up a really small part of the genome, less than 0.1 percent, so one has to look really closely at all the sequences to see that some of the features (potentially) look engineered," adding that he and his team **found "the genome inconsistent with expectations from evolutionary theory."**

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Maine Hospital Fired Nurses for Refusing COVID Shots — Now It's Begging Them to Come Back

08/11/23 Steve Robinson

Maine General Health, which fired hundreds of healthcare workers in 2021 for refusing to take the COVID-19 vaccine, is now reaching out to former employees — who were denied unemployment benefits — and asking them to come back, but many say they are reluctant to return.

Nurses and other healthcare workers at [MaineGeneral Health](#), one of Maine's largest healthcare providers, were unceremoniously fired two years ago if they refused to take the experimental mRNA injections touted as COVID-19 preventatives.

Some of those workers were even slapped with misconduct charges for refusing to comply with the [mandate](#), many were later denied unemployment benefits and no requests for religious exemptions were honored.

Now, one of the nonprofit hospitals that left some employees jobless and without recourse to Maine's unemployment insurance benefits is sending text messages to the same employees it cast aside practically begging them to come back to work. "You were once a proud member of the MaineGeneral team. Would you consider rejoining us? We would be pleased to discuss options with you," the MaineGeneral Health Recruitment team said in a text message to former registered nurse Terry Poland. "As you know, nearly 2 years ago MaineGeneral had to comply with a state mandate for [COVID-19](#) vaccination. We lost a number of great employees as a result, including you," MaineGeneral said.

This!!! From Maine General

Terry,

As you know, nearly 2 years ago MaineGeneral had to comply with a state mandate for COVID-19 vaccination. We lost a number of great employees as a result, including you.

On 8/3/23, the State eliminated the mandate for COVID-19 vaccinations for health care workers.

Based on this change,

MaineGeneral has eliminated the COVID-19 vaccination as an employment condition.

You were once a proud member of the MaineGeneral team. Would you consider rejoining us?

We would be pleased to discuss options for you. Please call us at 207-861-3440.

- MaineGeneral Health Recruitment

"MaineGeneral has eliminated the COVID-19 vaccination as an employment condition," MaineGeneral said.

Poland, who lives in Augusta, had worked as a registered nurse for 33 years. Her career included employment with MaineGeneral, Central Maine Medical Center, Pen Bay Medical Center and the Aroostook Medical Center.

She couldn't believe that the hospital would contact her in such a manner after casting her life into chaos for nearly two years.

"I was livid. Like, how dare you force me out of a career that I've dedicated my whole life to, taken away my livelihood, my ability to earn a good income, and now you think I'm gonna come grovel back to you?" Poland said.

Poland continued:

"I don't hardly think so. And that's the attitude of most everybody that I've been in contact with since yesterday."

A source told the Maine Wire that about 15 former MaineGeneral Health employees received similar text messages.

Poland refused to take the experimental COVID-19 shots after Gov. Janet Mills decreed on Aug. 12, 2021, that healthcare workers would be forced to receive the shots as a condition of working in healthcare by Oct. 1, 2021.

Documents reviewed by the Maine Wire show that MaineGeneral established a speedier timeline of Sept. 17 for compliance. Eventually, the state pushed back the deadline to the end of October.

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Poland was never opposed to vaccines generally speaking.

Though she previously used a religious exemption to avoid taking an influenza shot, she willingly took the other vaccines required to work in healthcare prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, including immunizations for measles, mumps, rubella and hepatitis B.

She said she was concerned about the novel nature of the mRNA technology, a form of gene therapy, which prior to COVID-19 had not been used in the standard schedule of immunizations.

"I knew enough not to take it. I've been a nurse long enough to know I need to question what new products are," Poland said. "I'm not going to be the first one to jump on board of an experiment."

When she discovered that fetal tissues are commonly used in the development and production of the drugs, that only strengthened her resolve as a Christian not to get the injections.

In previous years, Poland has said she was allowed an exemption from taking the influenza shot so long as she wore a mask during flu season. However, the hospital was unwilling to provide this accommodation for COVID-19.

As a result of her choice, Poland faced not only termination but also an allegation of misconduct from her former employer.

When she applied for unemployment benefits, she was rejected because of the misconduct allegation.

When she appealed, she was turned away.

Documents reviewed by the Maine Wire show that the Maine Department of Labor determined that MaineGeneral Health "discharged" her; however, the agency concluded that Poland's refusal to get the injections was a violation that constituted a "culpable breach of obligations to the employer."

As a result, Poland had to rely on her savings to get by in the middle of economically disastrous government lockdowns and soaring inflation.

Poland then sought help from the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, claiming that she'd been discriminated against on the basis of her religious beliefs.

MaineGeneral Health, in responding to the commission, argued that allowing Poland religious accommodations would impose an "undue hardship" on the hospital. On that basis, the commission declined to take on her case.

The Maine Human Rights Commission also rejected her discrimination complaint.

"[T]here has been positive energy between human resource personnel and managers who are in the process of working together to reach out to former employees to see if they are interested in returning," said Joy McKenna, director of communications for MaineGeneral, in an email.

"Since Monday, we are only aware of a few people who have indicated that they are interested in having a conversation about applying for an open position," she said. "We currently have 453 open positions, which is similar to our pre-COVID open position count."

McKenna said the hospital did not intentionally fire unvaccinated employees in a way that would block them from getting unemployment benefits.

Some of those positions have been filled by foreign nationals with green cards, McKenna said, though she was not able to provide an exact number on Aug. 9.

At the time MaineGeneral fired her, Poland was working at the MaineGeneral Rehabilitation and Long Term Care at Gray Birch facility in Augusta.

The facility provides nursing home and assisted living services and has a 37-bed capacity. Federal stats show the facility had 141 staff before the mandate and 110 after it was enforced.

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In the years since she was fired, she estimates she's earned only \$12,000 and \$17,000 as a home healthcare worker, a position that hasn't provided similar benefits to the job she lost.

As a registered nurse, Poland was making about \$75,000 per year.

She's still not willing to give MaineGeneral another shot.

Poland is not the only one whose career was derailed by Mills' mandate policy.

Jessie Boda worked for St. Mary's Health System as a registered nurse in Psychiatric and Detox services for 13 years, her first job out of college.

When the mandate came down, she applied for a religious exemption.

In her letter requesting the exemption, Boda pointed to her religious faith and her concern over adverse vaccine reactions. She also pointed out that natural immunity from a COVID-19 infection was in some cases a better protection against contracting the virus.

St. Mary's, which has a formal affiliation with the Catholic Church, denied the request.

Like MaineGeneral, St. Mary's also found a way for Boda's exit from the company to prevent her from getting unemployment benefits.

"I did not comply and I never submitted a letter of resignation. Nor would they give me a letter of termination," Boda said. "The kind lady in the HR office gave me a letter stating my start date and end date of employment but told me she could not use the words 'terminated' or 'fired'," she said.

Boda took her case to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which agreed to investigate her case but concluded there were no grounds for the complaint.

Kevin Palmer worked as a credentialing coordinator for Southern Maine Health Care, the Biddeford location of MaineHealth. Palmer, who is in his 30s, was never opposed to taking vaccines before COVID-19, but he was skeptical of what he saw as a rushed process to roll out the COVID-19 shots.

"I had heart surgery in high school, survived brain cancer in my 20s, and now they're telling me I have to get this shot over a virus with a 99.99 percent survival rate?" he said.

Like Boda and Poland, Palmer sought a religious exemption and was denied.

Like Boda and Poland, Palmer was fired in a way that later prevented him from obtaining unemployment.

In his termination letter, the HR department wrote:

"This is also to confirm that September 30 will be your last day of employment. We want to thank you for your service." Even though the hospital gave him an employment date in an email, the Maine Department of Labor ruled against him. "I never got a penny," Palmer said.

He wasn't able to find another job until four months later and the job he eventually found came with a 20% pay cut.

"I ran out of money like everybody else. It was crazy. I was trying to apply to jobs, similar to what I had done in credentialing. And I couldn't even get a job with the experience I had because they were mandating the vaccine even for remote positions," said Palmer.

"How crazy is that?" he said.

A healthcare worker crisis caused by authoritarian policies

Thousands of former healthcare workers in Maine are currently unemployed or working in other fields because they refused to comply with Mills' order that they receive injections.

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Some refused because they were skeptical of all vaccines or because of religious beliefs concerning the ethical problems with vaccine research that uses fetal tissue.

Others were fearful that the long-term consequences of the experimental products were unknown, unknowable and potentially harmful.

But in every case, the substantial drop in employment in Maine's healthcare sector because of the mandate has severely exacerbated a workforce shortage that threatens to undermine healthcare quality in the state.

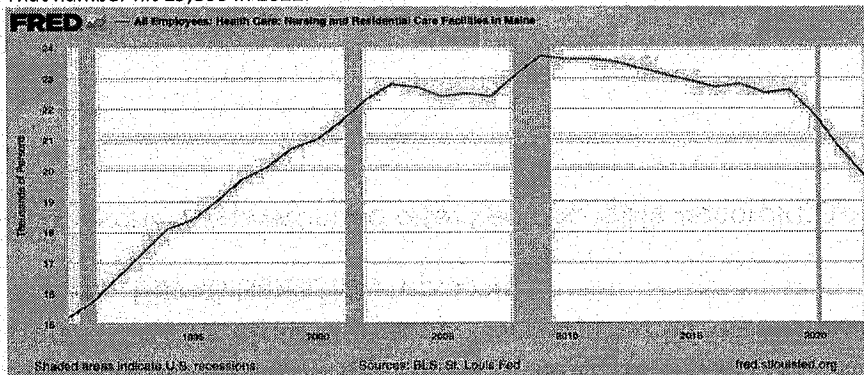
Text messages like the one Poland received will hardly fix the problem.

It's virtually impossible to determine how much of the sharp drop in healthcare employment has been caused by Mills' order, how much of it was caused by COVID-19 and how much of it was caused by lockdown policies generally.

Regardless, labor statistics show Maine is in the middle of the steepest decline in healthcare jobs. Ever.

According to stats from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, those losses have been particularly acute in Maine's nursing homes and assisted living facilities, like the facility where Poland worked.

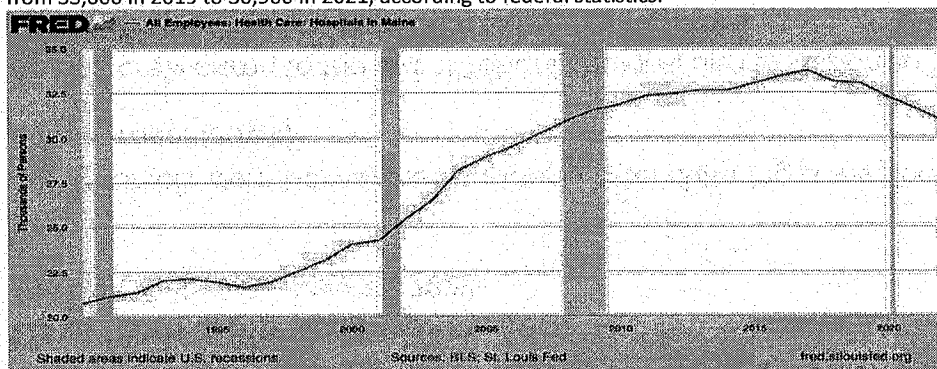
In 2019, Maine had more than 22,600 individuals employed at nursing homes. That number hit 19,800 in 2022.



At skilled nursing facilities, employment dropped from 8,426 in 2019 to 6,907 in 2022, according to Maine Department of Labor statistics.

The shortage of long-term care workers is all the more severe in Maine since the state consistently ranks as the oldest in the nation. As demand for nursing home beds increases, the number of workers available to provide that care has plummeted. In home healthcare, total employment has declined from 4,401 workers in 2019 to 4,054 in 2022.

The same shortage can be seen in employment figures for hospitals in Maine. Mainers working in Maine hospitals declined from 33,000 in 2019 to 30,900 in 2021, according to federal statistics.



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Even as Maine's opioid epidemic has continued to break records for overdoses and deaths, the number of people employed in the health sector that includes substance abuse facilities has declined from 7,509 workers in 2019 to 7,149 in 2022, according to the Maine Department of Labor numbers.

One healthcare area that hasn't seen such sharp declines is ambulatory healthcare, which includes facilities that are out-patient only, such as urgent care clinics and dentists' offices.

At the same time the medical field is suffering from a lack of employees, Mainers have never spent more money on their healthcare.

Personal consumption of outpatient and in-home care topped \$11,897,000,000 in 2021, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. That's a massive increase over the \$11.2 billion reported for 2019.

At least some of that money is making its way into the pockets of Maine's remaining healthcare workers. According to federal stats, Mainers who work in healthcare or social assistance made a record \$7,028,362,000 in collective wages — the highest ever in Maine history.

Vaccine mandate victims seek discrimination case

Mills' mandate was based on the theory that the pharmaceutical products being touted as "vaccines" or "immunizations" would prevent healthcare workers from contracting the virus or transmitting it to patients.

It's now generally understood that the vaccine never inhibited transmission of the virus.

Mills, who has followed the recommended injection schedule, has herself caught COVID-19 twice despite getting the jabs. The Aug. 3 decision by the Mills administration to rescind the mandate after nearly two years following on the heels of an embarrassing legal defeat in a case challenging the constitutionality of Mills' decision to eliminate religious and philosophical exemptions from the mandate.

That court case hinges on the fact that Mills continued to allow medical exemptions while denying a comparable exemption for medical reasons.

Although the plaintiffs in that case, several healthcare workers who lost their jobs over the mandate, initially lost in Maine District Court, an appeals court panel has determined that the lower court erred when it rejected their claim of religious discrimination.

In May, when that decision came down, Matt Staver, who represents the plaintiffs via Liberty Counsel, said he was looking forward to discovery.

"We're frankly looking very much forward to going to discovery and holding Governor Mills and the Maine authorities accountable for this terrible and, frankly, unconstitutional decision," said Staver.

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3-Minute Video by Dr. Michael Huang Shows What Happens When You Stand Up to the CA Medical Mafia

July 2023

<https://rumble.com/v2yl4a2-3-minute-video-by-dr.-michael-huang-shows-what-happens-when-you-stand-up-to.html>

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Fired Professor Wins Key Victory In Free Speech Case Over Mask, Vaccine Policy

SEP 01, 2023 ZEROHEDGE

A professor who was fired from the University of Southern Maine for challenging COVID-19 mandates **has won a critical courtroom victory**, after a district judge ruled that her First Amendment lawsuit against the institution can proceed.

Patricia Griffin, who says she was fired for asking valid questions about mask and vaccination policies on campus during the COVID-19 pandemic, was granted the narrow win after the university filed a motion to dismiss the case in part. US District Judge Jon Levy ruled that while Griffin's First Amendment claim can proceed, other charges were dismissed.

On Aug. 18, 2021, **the University of Maine announced a mandatory mask policy**. Six days later, Griffin took part in a luncheon meeting via Zoom, where the speaker was Glenn Cummings, president of the university. Griffin says Cummings wasn't wearing a mask at the time.

Later that day she sent an email to the Dean of the College of Management and Human Service, claiming that she had been following "science, data, and evidence" related to the pandemic. Griffin said in the email that she was "searching for anything that will support wearing a mask while indoors as well as vaccinating an entire school population as the optimal method for stopping the transmission of the virus. **The reality is that my research has found no evidence to support these measures.**"

She attached a document to her email summarizing the results of her research, which did not find "any overwhelming support for the wearing of masks nor the mandating of vaccines, especially since the overall survival rate is 99.7 percent if infected with Covid. And finally, from a legal perspective, asking for my vaccination status is a violation of HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)."

She then met with the Dean in another Zoom meeting, in which she says she never refused to wear a mask, or violate university policy.

Then, her fall semester classes were canceled. In a subsequent disciplinary conference, she was allegedly told that she wouldn't be allowed to teach her courses **100% online unless she resigned or accepted a part-time position.**

On Sept. 8, 2021, she received a letter from Cummings notifying her that she had been suspended, and the university had moved to terminate her. She says the letter falsely stated that she refused to comply with university policy and wouldn't wear a mask.

She was formally terminated on Sept. 22.

For those who enjoy deep legal dives Jonathan Turley opines further:

We now have a positive ruling for free speech out of the District of Maine where Chief Judge Jon Levy has ruled in favor of a professor terminated by the University of Southern Maine for questioning mask and vaccination policies.

Judge Levy's decision in Griffin v. University of Maine System is balanced and fair. He does not offer a full-throated endorsement of the claim by Professor Patricia Griffin, but rules that she has a right to a trial on the free speech claim.

Here are the basic facts.

On August 18, 2021, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System announced a mandatory mask policy. On August 24, University President Glenn Cummings held a luncheon meeting via Zoom. Notably, Cummings was not wearing a mask. After the meeting, Griffin sent an email to the Dean of the College of Management and Human Service that read in part:

"I first want to say how much I love teaching at [the University of Southern Maine] as well as working with such a great faculty. It really has been the highlight of my career and I owe a lot to you for sticking with me. The reason for this email is because I have been following the science, data, and evidence regarding SARS-CoV-2 and searching for anything that will support wearing a mask while indoors as well as vaccinating an entire school population as the optimal method for stopping the transmission of the virus. The reality is that my research has found no evidence to support these measures. I wanted to share the information I gathered and relied upon when making my decision regarding these mandates before the start of classes next Monday to see that my decisions are

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science, evidence, and data based. However, I do not want to cause any issues, especially for you, if I come to campus on Monday morning to teach my one face to face class so I wanted to give you enough time."

Griffin attached a letter addressed to the Dean on her own research and objections to the policies. She concluded:

"In conclusion, I have followed the science, data, and evidence and cannot find any overwhelming support for the wearing of masks nor the mandating of vaccines, especially since the overall survival rate is 99.7% if infected with Covid. And finally, from a legal perspective, asking for my vaccination status is a violation of HIPAA.

My expectation is the University of Southern Maine will appreciate a faculty member who embraces critical thinking and applies both inductive and deductive reasoning rather than emotions when making decisions. I am teaching three courses this fall, two online and one face to face. I welcome any evidence you can provide to the contrary of what I have found which will convince me that my conclusions about the efficacy of wearing a mask and vaccinating an entire population are wrong."

What followed quickly went from bad to worse for Griffin, who met with the Dean and again asked for the data supporting the University's Policy and vaccination requirement. While universities attacked academics who questioned these policies as opposed to "the science," they largely refused to share the basis for the policies.

Despite the firing or sanctioning of academics who questioned pandemic policies, many have recently admitted that the efficacy of masks (particularly the common surgical masks) were radically overstated and unsupported.

Moreover, studies have shown that critics were right in claiming that natural immunities from prior bouts with Covid offered as good or better protection than the vaccine. Nevertheless, the media participated in the demonization of these experts who were disciplined at universities and denied key positions in their fields.

In this case, Griffin alleged that immediately following the Zoom meeting, her fall semester courses were removed from the fall class list. She still did not back down and continued to ask for the data. She alleged that school officials then told her that she would not be allowed to teach courses 100% online unless she resigned and accepted a part-time position. On September 8, 2021, Cummings sent a letter to Griffin suspending her and informing her that the University would be moving to terminate her employment. Griffin alleges that the letter falsely asserted that she had refused to comply with the policies and included other false assertions.

The issue for the court was whether Griffin was speaking as a public employee or as a citizen.

"The "threshold inquiry" to determine whether a public employee engaged in protected speech is "whether [the employee] spoke as a citizen on a matter of public concern." *O'Connell v. Marrero-Recio*, 724 F.3d 117, 123 (1st Cir. 2013). If the answer is no, the employee has no First Amendment retaliation claim. If the answer is yes, then the possibility of a First Amendment claim arises. *Garcetti v. Ceballos*, 547 U.S. 410, 418 (2006). "In order to survive a motion to dismiss, a plaintiff need not conclusively establish that her speech was made as a citizen; 'it is sufficient that the complaint alleges facts that plausibly set forth citizen speech.'" *Cannell v. Corizon, LLC*, No. 1:14-cv-405-NT, 2015 WL 8664209, at *8 (D. Me. Dec. 11, 2015) (quoting *Decotiis v. Whittemore*, 635 F.3d 22, 34-35 (1st Cir. 2011))."

The court found that there were factors under the relevant tests that cut both ways on whether Griffin was speaking as an employee or a citizen. However, given the governing standard for review, Judge Levy read this evidence in her favor and the right to a trial on free speech claims (though he curtailed other aspects of her complaint):

Here, Griffin has pleaded sufficient facts to make it more than merely possible that once fully developed, the facts will support the conclusion that although Griffin's speech related to her official duties as a public employee, the subject matter of her speech pertained to a matter of great public concern and was outside the scope of her duties as a professor of marketing. Whether the same conclusion may be true after the parties have completed discovery is another matter for another day. "[I]t is entirely possible that additional facts might show" that Griffin is not entitled to the relief that she seeks, but "absent factual development, dismissal is unwarranted" at this stage....

Putting aside the merits for trial, what should be clear is that, if the underlying facts are proven, **the university acted in an abusive and capricious manner.** Faced with a dissenting faculty member, the school opted to seek her termination rather than defend its policies or allow a dialogue on these measures.

As a public university, the Maine legislature should take note of this case and the need to reinforce free speech protections in the system. The level of intolerance for opposing views alleged in this complaint is chilling. **If these facts are proven, there were grounds for termination but it was not the termination of Professor Griffin.**

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Federal Court Rules Against FDA Over Anti-Ivermectin Posts During COVID

Jamie White September 3, 2023

Government overstepped its authority by giving medical advice during pandemic, judge rules

A federal court ruled that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) overstepped its authority when telling Americans not to use ivermectin to treat COVID-19.

"FDA can inform, but it has identified no authority allowing it to recommend consumers 'stop' taking medicine," U.S. Circuit Judge Don Willett wrote in the ruling on Sept. 1 in a lawsuit brought forward by three doctors.

The FDA during the COVID pandemic issued multiple statements discouraging the use of ivermectin, a cheap and extensively researched anti-parasitic drug, to treat COVID-19.

In one smug post that excited FDA officials, the agency wrote, "You are not a horse. You are not a cow. Seriously, y'all. Stop it."

The post linked to a page titled, "Why You Should Not Use Ivermectin to Treat or Prevent COVID-19." The regulatory agency has instead been keen on recommending Americans receive the experimental and ineffective COVID mRNA vaccine.

The FDA has the authority under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to convey information and data but not to give medical recommendations.

During oral arguments in the case, the FDA also admitted that doctors have the right to prescribe ivermectin to patients.

"FDA explicitly recognizes that doctors do have the authority to prescribe ivermectin to treat COVID," Ashley Cheung Honold, a Department of Justice lawyer representing the FDA said.

The FDA also claimed it did not give advice but merely provided "informational statements" — but then admitted it "provided recommendations" and "advise[d] consumers."

"Despite these concessions, FDA never points to any authority that allows it to issue recommendations or give medical advice," Judge Willett wrote.

"Rather, FDA argues that some posts included a hyperlink that leads to the update. The update, in turn, directs consumers to '[t]alk to your health care provider.' But not all of the social-media posts included such a link. And even for those posts that did include a link, the posts themselves offer advice, not mere information."

Dr. Robert Apter, one of the plaintiffs, called the ruling "a big win for doctors and for patients!"

One of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, Texas physician Dr. Mary Bowden, had also sued Houston Methodist Hospital for \$25 million in 2022 after they fired her for praising ivermectin on social media as an effective treatment against COVID-19.

"I am being punished for speaking about what I am seeing firsthand," she said during a presser in July 2022. "...I have now treated over 4,000 COVID-19 patients, and every single one of them who has received early treatment has stayed out of the hospital and survived, and no one has had any adverse repercussions from my treatment. But Methodist has made it appear that I am potentially dangerous and need to be silenced. And that is wrong."

That lawsuit was dismissed in early 2023.

Subsequent studies have indeed shown ivermectin to be an effective treatment against COVID-19.

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7-Year-Old Boy Sues California School District For Violations Of Civil Rights

July 26, 2023 Steve Ispas

The first thing "H.N." did when he got up on a July Sunday morning was say hi to his dog, Biscuit, and then start reading "Treasure Island," which after just the first chapter may overtake "Robinson Crusoe" as his all-time favorite book—but that needs to wait until he finishes the book. Later, he played Monopoly with a friend, practiced baseball (which he plays for his school team), and told us about his favorite board game, Kids Against Maturity.

His room looks like a typical young boy's, with board games, Nerf guns, baseball equipment, and toy vehicles. In the living room is a miniature train set, which he said he worked on for months when he was younger.

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/us/exclusive-7-year-old-boy-sues-californ...>

What makes H.N. different from most other kids—other than that he is very mature for his age—is that he is the plaintiff in a case that was filed with the California Superior Court, Santa Cruz County, when he was 7 years old.

Because of the lawsuit, he is not disclosing his name and just goes by H.N. for privacy purposes. He is suing the Scotts Valley Unified School District, the district superintendent, the school principal, and two teachers for negligence, false imprisonment, violating his civil rights, and other charges.

The story was first broken by Drew Penner in the Press Banner on April 21, 2023. The Epoch Times spoke with the boy, his family, and their attorney in July.

Refusing to Wear a Mask

It all started in September 2021 when at times he refused to wear a mask in school and did not consent to getting tested for COVID-19 weekly.

"I did not like this big gigantic thing up my nose," said H.N.

From September 2021 to June 2022, H.N. and his father informed the school principal multiple times that they did not consent to "experimental medical products like masking or COVID injections."

H.N. stated that he does not like to wear a mask because the virus travels through the mask anyway, he cannot breathe well in the mask, he cannot see the facial expressions of his teachers and classmates when they wear masks, and there is a chance of bacteria getting trapped in the mask. In addition, he said that proper ventilation is superior to masks according to multiple studies.

But that was not enough, and he continued to be disciplined for not complying with school regulations.

The complaint mentions nine separate incidents in which H.N. refused to wear a mask and subsequently was isolated in a classroom by himself with a substitute teacher, taken to the principal's office, or taken to classroom 34, which was used for storage at the time.

Another incident included in the complaint took place on Jan. 11, 2022, when H.N. was allegedly harassed for not wanting to use hand sanitizer. H.N. says that after he told the teachers that hand washing with soap is more effective, he was sent to Nurse Selena Treuge, who allowed him to wash his hands as a one-time exception. The next day, Jan. 12, the same incident was repeated. This time H.N. showed his teacher, Ms. Gelter, and his nurse a CDC report indicating that hand washing is more effective than hand sanitizer. He was again allowed to wash his hands as an exception.

Read more [here...](#)