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Statement on Refusing to Sign Health and Human Services Committee Interim Report

The Public's Health Must Come First!

"I could not in good conscience sign the Texas Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Interim Report to the 87th Legislature. I support the recommendations on the charges relating to Public Health Data and addressing the Health Care Workforce Shortage. However, the recommendations to ban mask and COVID vaccine mandates and to provide state money for a grant program to research only the adverse effects of the COVID vaccines are completely irresponsible and will severely put the public's health at risk in Texas. These bans will limit the ability of local governments, schools, hospitals and businesses to protect the public.

"More than 300 million doses of the Pfizer and 200 million doses of the Moderna vaccines have been administered with tremendous amounts of data showing their safety and effectiveness. I urge my colleagues to stop pandering to the anti-vaccination conspiracy theories and political platforms that have caused the deaths of many people in our state, this country and the world."

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