



**National
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Council**

October 6, 2021

The Honorable Andy Biggs
U.S. House of Representatives
171 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Biggs:

I am writing to you on behalf of the law enforcement professionals of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) and other ICE staff we represent, to inform you of the National ICE Council's official endorsement and proud support of your legislation, H.R. 5360, the "Freedom from Mandates Act."

As you are aware, many of our employees are deeply troubled by President Biden's Executive Order requiring federal employees to either receive a COVID-19 vaccine or face termination. Much of our workforce is fundamentally opposed to this mandate and lack of any reasonable way to opt out, such as regular testing, and many are actively looking for other career opportunities not in the federal government as a direct result of this mandate.

In addition to our fundamental opposition to these mandates, we have been dismayed by how unprepared and thoughtless the Biden Administration has been as they've attempted to implement this mandate. The initial implementation of the vaccine mandate has been last minute, rushed, and grossly mismanaged; and as of the date of this letter, ICE still does not have comprehensive guidance for a mandate that goes into effect in a matter of days. The men and women of ICE put their lives on the line and serve our nation each and every day and there is no doubt they deserve better.

Thank you for introducing the "Freedom from Mandates Act" and for fighting to protect everyday Americans and hard working public servants from this mandate. Lastly, we are grateful for your continued staunch support of the men and women of law enforcement at ICE and across the country.

Sincerely,

Chris Crane
President