

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5642

To make any individual who is demonstrated to have antibodies to the virus that causes COVID–19 exempt from any Federal mandate for vaccination against COVID–19.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 20, 2021

Mr. ISSA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Follow Accepted
5 Science Together Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The National Institutes of Health reported
2 in March, 2021, that “people who have had evidence
3 of a prior infection with SARS–CoV–2 . . . appear
4 to be well protected against being reinfected with the
5 virus . . .”. The study stated, “the data from this
6 study suggest that people who have had a positive
7 result from a commercial antibody test appear to
8 have substantial immunity to SARS–CoV–2 which
9 means they are at a lower risk for future infection”.

10 (2) The National Institutes of Health reported
11 in January 2021, that “after people recover from in-
12 fection with a virus, the immune system retains a
13 memory of it. Immune cells and proteins that cir-
14 culate in the body can recognize and kill the patho-
15 gen if it’s encountered again, protecting against dis-
16 ease and reducing illness severity. All of these im-
17 mune system components have been found in people
18 who recover from SARS–CoV–2, the virus that
19 causes COVID–19. Researchers found durable im-
20 mune responses in the majority of people studied.”.

21 (3) A study at Emory University in July 2021,
22 found that recovered COVID–19 patients retain
23 broad and effective longer-term immunity to the dis-
24 ease. The study looked at 254 patients with mild to
25 moderate symptoms over a period of eight months

1 and found that their immune response to the virus
2 remained durable and strong.

3 (4) Patient and doctor relationships should al-
4 ways be paramount and forefront in each patient's
5 life.

6 (5) Religious, mental health, physical health,
7 immune health, and other exemptions from vaccina-
8 tion requirements give patients and doctors the flexi-
9 bility to adapt to the limitations or prerequisites of
10 a patient's health.

11 **SEC. 3. INAPPLICABILITY OF ANY COVID-19 VACCINE MAN-**
12 **DATE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH ANTIBODIES.**

13 Any individual who is demonstrated to have anti-
14 bodies to the virus that causes COVID-19 shall be exempt
15 from any Federal mandate for vaccination against
16 COVID-19.

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