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I appreciated the opportunity to testify as an element of the Louisiana House of Representatives hearing on COVID response. After the hearing, I was approached by several committee members in reference to my comments on vaccine status in response to a pandemic. I do feel the need to add this addendum to the public record clarifying my remarks. They center on my experience in my service to this nation and state. I chose a career path where vaccinations are not optional. It is four decades of public service with extreme risk, all over the world. Army Regulation 40-562 Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis for the Prevention of Infectious Diseases lists 17 vaccinations that are required depending upon service or deployment location throughout the world. I have had just about every one of these vaccines at some point or another. In addition, my service with the U.S. Marshals, required the majority of these vaccines due to the nature of federal law enforcement as well as the U.S. Marshals mission of securing the strategic national stockpile of pharmaceutical vaccines. In some cases, I have received doses of the same medicine in two different agencies. It is critical to note that these vaccines were rarely experimental. I can count on one hand out of hundreds of vaccines when I was forced to take experimental vaccines.

I was and still am very much against the forced COVID vaccines at the federal and state levels. I am also very proud of the fact that I recommended to the Mayor- City of Thibodaux for a voluntary employee vaccination policy during the COVID timeframe. He followed my advice as an operational emergency arm of the Office of the Mayor and no employees were required to be vaccinated. I was dismayed with the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Justice in their implementation of forced experimental vaccines. My intent was to relay that it was critical to get to a full FDA approved vaccine. In looking at the limited effectiveness of the COVID vaccine, especially based on the medical reporting to this Committee and numerous studies on the matter, it should have been the highest priority. Again in looking at the constitutionality of forced experimental vaccines, I was relieved to see the U.S. Supreme Court find both of my previous federal employers in excess of their authority. Thank you for the opportunity to clarify my remarks and thank you for this House Committee's work!

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