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State Rep. Gary VanDeaver joins Texans for Responsible Government in Filing Amicus Brief Against Biden's Vaccine Mandate

New Boston, TX - State Representative Gary VanDeaver joined Texans for Responsible Government (TRG) in an amicus brief to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Court objecting to the Biden Administration's overreaching and unprecedented vaccine mandate. The mandate that would affect 84 million workers was developed and is being enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The amicus brief filed by TRG and various Republican members of the Texas House of Representatives challenges the constitutionality of the mandate and calls for it to be overturned.

The vaccine mandate issued by OSHA would compel private businesses with 100 employees or more to require all employees to be vaccinated by January 4, 2022 or face weekly COVID-19 testing. More than half the states, including Texas, have filed lawsuits challenging President Biden's vaccine mandate. These states are joined by pro-business, educational, manufacturing, faith, labor, staffing, and medical interests and advocates challenging the order. Representative VanDeaver had the following to say about his stance on the issue:

"I have always been opposed to COVID-19 vaccine mandates as I believe that receiving the vaccine is a personal choice left up to every individual. Further, the mandate not only infringes upon our civil liberties, but creates a dangerous precedent for future federal overreach into other areas of our lives. Thus, I am proud to give my name and voice to this fight against the vaccine mandate."

"The cases now pending with the federal court of appeals are the ballgame," said Chris Britton, executive director of Texans for Responsible Government. **"TRG, along with Representative VanDeaver stands solidly with the numerous businesses, teacher groups, states, and nonprofits fighting this federal overreach and assault on individual liberty."**

Last month, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans issued a ruling for a stay on the OSHA mandate. With heightened legal advocacy in Texas and other U.S. states, TRG and Texas House Leadership hope to see the mandate overturned permanently.

Representative VanDeaver represents Texas House District 1, which will include Bowie, Cass, Lamar, Morris, and Red River Counties in 2022. He is a husband, father, grandfather, retired educator, active cattleman, and four-term state legislator with deep roots across Northeast Texas. He has a strong conservative record, having helped pass legislation to secure the border, ban abortions, lower property taxes, protect second amendment rights, and improve public education. He is proud to serve the communities he has been in his whole life and hopes to continue serving his constituents with honesty, integrity, kindness, and faith.

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