



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

March 29, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate
Hand Delivered

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved, and vetoed the following Senate Bill, to wit:

SENATE BILL 1023aa, aa

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 11:30 a.m. on March 24, 2025.

Medical freedom is an Idaho value. However, this bill removes parents' freedom to ensure their children stay healthy at school because it jeopardizes the ability of schools to send home sick students with highly contagious conditions including measles, lice, ringworm, pink eye, strep throat, stomach viruses, the flu, and other illnesses that disrupt families' lives.

I am proud that I have personally supported multiple efforts to promote true medical freedom in Idaho, including:

- I signed House Bill 32 this month banning government and school mask mandates
- I signed House Bill 59 this month, the Medical Ethics Defense Act, to prevent healthcare professionals from providing services that violate their religious or moral beliefs
- I signed Senate Bill 1329 in 2024, the Parental Rights in Medical Decision-making Act, providing parents a legal course of action if a healthcare provider gives care to a minor without parental consent
- I signed Senate Bill 1130, the Coronavirus Stop Act, in 2023, to ban private and public entities from requiring the COVID-19 vaccine
- I banned "vaccine passports" during the pandemic and sued the Biden Administration multiple times to prevent overreaching government vaccine mandates

- My administration adopted IDAPA 16.02.15, rules upholding parents' rights to reject vaccination for their children or vaccination reporting in order for their children to attend school

We are proud that Idaho already boasts the freest laws in the country when it comes to personal medical decisions, and we need to keep it that way. Parents already have enough to worry about while raising their children. They do not need government imposing more limitations on keeping children safe and healthy from contagious illnesses at school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Little", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho