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Board of Supervisors

You do not know me, but my name is Dawn Barkman and I am a sergeant with the Pima County Sheriff's Department. I have served my community proudly for twenty-six years. I won't bore you with the details of my 26 years, but I have seen things (much like all my brothers and sisters) that most people could never imagine. I guarantee that most people could not stomach the things we have seen, but I will explain to you why I was motivated to chose this profession.

When I was 20 years-old, I worked as a teller in a bank. One morning in January 1982, as I entered the bank, I realized two very bad men were holding the manager hostage and they were there to rob the bank. Unfortunately the manager and I had the same combination to the safe and they eventually left; thankfully before any other employees arrived, and without any cash. Before they left however, they stabbed us repeatedly. I am sure this was to eliminate the the possibility of either one of us being in a position to identify them. The bank manager died in his own office after being stabbed 23 times. I was stabbed 14 times before they left, believing they had killed me too. I was forced to watch the bank manager die before help ever arrived. I underwent emergency surgery to save my life and recovered after some time in the hospital. After my recovery, I became passionate to making a difference in helping other victims of crimes. I decided to become a firefighter/medic and eventually a cop to serve my community. I took an oath to the Constitution to enforce the law, and to protect those who became unwilling victims at the hands of criminals. I believe I have made a difference in my community. I take the position seriously but have not abused my authority.

Having explained all this, I have a few comments for the Board of Supervisors. Talking about my past is something I would not normally entertain, but I am speaking out because this harassment and coercion by the Board of Supervisors has gone on long enough. I speak on behalf of law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, nurses, doctors, and all other non-commissioned employees of Pima County. This has caused us extreme stress and discouragement to say the least. You're playing with our lives, and our livelihoods here folks. **Enough is enough.**

If your ultimate goal is to terminate us because we will not allow a Covid-19 "vaccine" be injected into our bodies, then please just do it. I am certain I speak for all those who have made the same decision to not be forced to comply. The stress the Board of Supervisors has created is far worse than losing a job that I love. I would ask that you stop torturing us with your platitudes of "incentives" or better yet, your disincentives. I am on the current Lieutenants list, but I've been informed if I will not take the shot, I have no chance of ever seeing the promotion. Until now, I have had no problems with your authority to take so much away from me. Please know I will never change my mind about something that I feel is wrong. And, by the way, I would like to know if you know just how many "vaccinated" individuals are getting sick and/or transmitting this flu. Those of us who have not buckled to your constant abuse will likely not. Not because we are trying to be contrary, and not because we disrespect the Board. We do each have our own specific reasons...whatever they may be, which is none of your business because this is still America and we ALL still possess our constitutional rights. For many, this is just a personal choice and a private matter. See? Respect.

I have been a cop for 26 years. I have treated victims with compassion and worked cases aggressively. I have treated suspects with respect, but held them accountable for their crimes. Even while booking individuals, I have remained professional and treated people with respect. I have had people who have made less than desirable decisions tell me I likely changed their lives for the better. That is what respect can do. I would like a little respect from the Board of Supervisors. I am a competent law enforcement officer, and I am not a bad person; however this constant abuse is unnecessary. I will be devastated to lose my job, but I am completely comfortable with my decision to not be forced into taking this Covid-19 shot.

I truly respect Supervisor Stephen Christy, District 4 for all he represents. His dedication to the United States of America, to the County he serves, and the constitution is commendable. I appreciate the Board of Supervisors and respect your position. To you

however, this has become personal, and if you cannot force compliancy with your bullying tactics, I fear you will just look for additional disincentives. You have our attention to be sure, however, you will not have our compliance.

Respectfully submitted,