

I WISH FOR THE BELOW TESTIMONY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD AND POSTED ON LINE.

Honorable Members of the Cook County Board,

My name is Richard Falen and I am a resident of Cook County as well as being employed at 69 W. Washington, George Dunn Building. These are very truly trying and difficult times for all of us! While cohesion and cooperation are needed, government needs to be especially vigilant regarding all individuals' rights, during a time of crisis. That is the focus of my address to you today. The last three days I have been informed that in order to enter my place of employment, it is mandatory that I participate in health screening activities, by answering personal questions and submitting to a body temperature check. Each of the three days, I have requested that the LAW, ORDER, RULE and/or ORDINANCE providing the authority to the building to undertake such as actions as well as my needing to comply, in order to gain entrance to my place of employment. I also requested the written policies and procedures, the who, what when and where of these activities. Each time no one could provide anything but the most scant verbal response, the Building Manager is called and then I am informed I may proceed, without having any of the health screening activities take place.

Theoretically, there are so many issues here, but I only have three minutes. So I'll go with the actual issues. HIPPA, HIPPA, HIPPA and possibly other laws are being violated by my being forced to answer personal health questions, in the middle of the lobby as well as the public and possibly my co-workers being aware of my having a temperature greater than 100.4. I see the following issues; potential stigma that I or other individuals or groups may face because of our answers and/or temperature. "A classic example of this was the HIV/AIDS epidemic...."; and The potential for individual harassment.

I respectfully request that if you're going to undertake the above mentioned activities do it the right way!

Regards,
Richard M. Falen