

# *Brazilian congressman opposed to the vaccine dies due to COVID-19*

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**The deputy pointed out in his bill that there was no "safety" of the vaccines. | Photo: El Universo**

Brasilia, March 14 (RHC)-- The deputy of the Legislative Assembly of the state of Mato Grosso do Sul, Silvio Antonio Favero, distinguished for proposing a Law against compulsory vaccination against COVID-19 in the area, died this Saturday due to the pandemic.

Antonio Favero had been elected as deputy for the Social Liberal Party (PSL) and was very close to the current president Jair Bolsonaro, his death occurred at the age of 54 years in a state hospital when he was battling COVID-19 since last Thursday.

During his instance in the Legislative, Antonio Favero distinguished himself for sharing Bolsonaro's positions of underestimating the impacts of the virus and in February he presented a bill to "guarantee the citizen's right to decide whether or not to be vaccinated."

The congressman pointed out in his bill that there was no "safety" of vaccines and there was a risk of collateral effects in the medium and long term, a comment that had no scientific support.

Brazil, the current global epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic, during the week surpassed India in the number of infections and became the country with the second highest number of cases of the disease in the world, surpassed only by the United States, which represents a danger for the region and the world, according to the United Nations.

The South American giant, which is also second only to the United States in the number of deaths associated with Covid-19 in the world, registered 85,663 new infections on Friday, the second highest number of daily cases since the beginning of the pandemic, with which it accumulated 11,363,380 infected.

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