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Please read my comment into the record at the meeting August 20, 2021.

August 17, 2021

Dear State Board of Health,

I am writing concerning the emergency agenda you have before you August 20, 2021. I am **objecting** to requiring the COVID shot (it's not FDA approved to be called a vaccine) for college students. My son has been going to Great Basin College for two years and will complete his studies this next year and has decided on his own not to get the shot. He is a grown adult who has made that decision and now you are debating this requirement just one week prior to school starting? My son could have looked at enrolling in another college, obviously out-of-state for his final year of college had he known this would be a requirement. First, shame on you for not addressing this sooner than one week prior to college starting!! These college kids have had to submit applications to the college for acceptance into the program for you to discuss this one week prior. Do you know what kind of financial impact this will have on the Nevada College System? My son attended Great Basin College in person ALL last year wearing a mask and did not have one issue with COVID. He was temperature checked each day and was provided an amazing learning environment for him to complete his Electrical degree. If the COVID shot really works why not require all your professors to take the shot, so they can protect themselves? Why not allow these students to decide for themselves regarding the shot and if they do not take it they can remain wearing masks during their classes? As an employer the colleges can mandate the professors to receive the shot but how do you justify mandating the college students to take the shot when they are paying YOU for the education, you are not paying them? They are not your employees, they are the ones providing you with the income you receive to teach at that college. Does Nevada really need to lose more revenue by allowing this mandate and forcing kids in our state to choose out-of-state colleges? Is that the intention of the State Board of Health? This mandate will cause exactly this and if you think it won't you are extremely naïve. I would urge you to consider the affects this will have on not only college students but also the economy for Nevada. I can guarantee the Nevada College System was affected last year by distance learning and enrollment was down. Not every college student can afford to attend college out-of-state, but this mandate will force those kids who make a health choice that is best for them to have to attend college out-of-state.

You had all summer to have this discussion and now one week prior to school starting you are making a decision that can affect these young adults FOREVER! LET THEM CHOOSE!

Thank you,
Kim Todd