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Subject: Public comment for August 20 meeting
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To whom it concerns,

I am submitting written comment for

"Consideration and Possible Adoption of Proposed Emergency Statement and Emergency Regulation Amendment of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 441A.755, relating to university, community college and state college students providing proof of immunity to certain communicable diseases, including COVID-19. – Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator, DPBH"

Which will be discussed at the August 20th meeting at 9:00 am.

Public Comment:

My name is Kevin. I am a graduate student at the University of Nevada Reno. Outright, I am opposed to requiring students receive vaccinations that have not been approved by the FDA. The safety standards enforced by the FDA, in general, are not arbitrary. It is potentially short-sighted to ignore this. I fear that the public at general, and even educated professionals, possess the notion that all vaccination is inherently safe. The safety of vaccination is indeed not inherent, rather, it is proven. As of this writing, the FDA remains unconvinced that any of the COVID vaccinations are proven to be safe. In addition, I am disgusted at the university's recent decision to offer financial and material rewards to student's who participate in its COVID vaccination drives. It is very unethical to incentivize these students, many of which are financially vulnerable, to receive non-FDA approved vaccinations. I am also concerned with how "students providing proof of immunity to certain communicable diseases, including COVID-19", will be determined. It is well established that the COVID vaccinations do not completely stop transmission and exhibit a large number of breakthrough cases. Proof of COVID vaccination would not inherently fulfill this requirement. The FDA has also stated that presence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies does not imply immunity to COVID infection. It is not obvious to me how it can be proven that an individual is immune to COVID. As such, it is of my opinion that proof of immunity be not required of students and employees.

Thank you

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