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To whom it may concern:

I am a current student enrolled at College of Southern Nevada. I have been working extremely hard for the last three years now to complete all required courses in hopes to be accepted into a medical program next year. I have spent my OWN hard earned money on every single one of these classes sometimes even scraping pennies to pay for them on time. I've re-arranged my work schedule every semester, missed out on events and time with my family and have spent many sleepless nights studying to the point of being in tears due to stress and pure exhaustion because my goals and dreams of pursuing a career in the medical field mean THAT much to me. I know that there are thousands of other students just like me who are now worried that all their hard work and the financial burden they've taken on just to be able to attend school and their goals and dreams may now be at risk if this mandate happens. By mandating a vaccine you guys will be forcing so many students like myself to chose between their education and their health and/or personal as well as religious beliefs and that is not okay nor fair in any way, shape, or form as so many of us have invested so much into our educations financially and mentally up until this point. I am fully aware that this is an extremely serious matter as COVID-19 cases continue to rise. My belief that it is unethical to require this vaccine in order to attend school does not come from a political point nor am I someone who is against this vaccine as that is not the case. As someone who has chronic under-lying health conditions and who has also had COVID-19, I still stand firm and believe that this vaccine or any for that matter is a personal choice as every individual has their own reasons for believing what is best for themselves and their own health. That choice should not take away someone's right to obtain an education and for this reason I can honestly say I will no longer be attending or giving my money to any college here in Nevada if this mandate happens. I believe there are other options out there such as continuing remote learning for those who chose to not be vaccinated or who cannot be vaccinated at this time. I hope that you will take all of this in consideration when coming to a decision regarding what is best for the students of all Nevada schools and colleges. Thank you for your time.

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