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To the Nevada State Board of Health,

My name is Pranava Moody, I'm a concerned student attending UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law and the mother of two College of Southern Nevada students. I'm writing to express my strong support for the proposed amendment to NAC 441A.755 implementing a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for students enrolling in classes at NSHE institutions and adding community colleges and state colleges to the institutions that are affected by NAC 441A.755

The argument that mandated vaccination for in-person attendance at state universities raises constitutional claims or violates individual constitutional rights is utterly false. The Seventh Circuit affirmed Indiana University's recent implementation of a COVID-19 vaccination policy earlier this month. As stated by the Court, under *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* (1905), "there can't be a constitutional problem with vaccination against SARS-CoV-2," because there is no fundamental right to refuse necessary public health measures such as vaccines.

Additionally, the argument that mandating the COVID-19 is equivalent to mandating medical treatment falls flat. We are requesting that this vaccine get added to an already existing vaccine requirement that has existing mitigations and exceptions for people with religious or medical exemption needs.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a public health emergency that requires proactive measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on NSHE campuses. The safety and wellbeing of thousands of Nevadans are in your hands and I encourage you to make the correct decision. The students in your state have the right to an education free of the additional burden of unnecessary health concerns. You have the power and the authority to create a safe learning environment for those being educated by this state's higher learning institutions. Do not avoid your duty.

Thank you,

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