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Subject: Public comment on: Consideration and Possible Adoption of Proposed Emergency Statement and Emergency Regulation Amendment of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 441A.755
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To the State Board of Health:

I am Assistant Professor-in- Residence in World Languages & Cultures at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. I am also fortunate to have received a kidney transplant in February 2010. As such, I take daily immunosuppressant medications which make me more vulnerable to infections and disease than the general population.

I have earned awards for teaching, and I take pride in delivering the best possible learning experience to students whether in the classroom or online. After teaching 22 classes online, I was looking forward to teaching in-person again. Yet with the fall semester about to begin, I have very mixed feelings. After much deliberation, I made the decision to teach my four classes in person, and am excited to be back in the classroom and teach face-to-face again. I am willing to assume a certain amount of risk to teach in person, yet at the same time I have very real concerns about my health as well as the health of my students. I received both Pfizer vaccinations early this year, have remained healthy throughout the pandemic, and am planning to get a booster shot (as the CDC recommends for immunocompromised people), so I have done my part to protect myself. Yet that is only half of the equation: I will be teaching a classroom of students who may or may not be vaccinated. It is very difficult for me not to worry about being exposed to Covid-19 and the potential health consequences.

I respectfully urge the State Board of Health to take a firm leadership position on this issue, and to take immediate, decisive action requiring everyone in the campus community – faculty, staff and students – to be fully vaccinated.

Sincerely,
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