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My name is Kyo O'Connor and I'm a concerned student attending UNLV's College of Liberal Arts. I'm writing to express my strong support for the proposed amendment to NAC 441A.775 implementing a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for students enrolling in classes at NSHE institutions.

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, we are required to receive a number of vaccines to attend school already, such as the DTaP vaccine. There is already a precedent for required vaccinations at educational institutions.

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 is in your hands and I encourage you to make the correct decision.

Regards,  
Kyo O'Connor