

**From:** [Olivia Williamson](#)  
**To:** [Joseph P. Filippi](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Support for Vaccination Mandate  
**Date:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:09:18 AM

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This is a comment for the 8/20/2021 emergency meeting being held tomorrow. Thank you.

Best,  
Olivia Williamson

> On Aug 19, 2021, at 11:05 AM, Olivia Williamson <willio2@unlv.nevada.edu> wrote:

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> My name is Olivia Williamson and I'm an extremely concerned student attending UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law. 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. 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.

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> Best,

> Olivia Williamson