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Good Afternoon,

I would like to make the following public comment for the Emergency Meeting on August 20, 2021 regarding mandating vaccination for students:

I am a graduate student at one of the universities in the NSHE system. I had covid in December 2020. In April 2021, I took an antibody test, which came back positive - nearly 5 months after the infection! There is no definite & widespread scientific proof that vaccinating is any better than natural immunity. Faculty on our campus are given 2 choices: either test weekly at your own expense, or vaccinate. First & foremost, I would NOT be in support of mandatory vaccination for students. If you should pass this, and again I beg you not to, I urge you to have options for students to test. I would rather pay out of pocket for testing weekly, than be forced to vaccinate against my own will. If no such option will be given, I will be forced to quit my education, because I strongly believe that my freedom to make choices regarding my own health are at stake.

Thank you for your time & consideration,

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