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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I urge you NOT to mandate the Covid vaccines for Nevada's higher education system. This vaccine is currently NOT fully approved by the FDA. It is under Emergency Use Authorization. Any product under emergency use authorization MUST be optional, per the FDA. This is an experimental injection and needs to be tested for minimum of a few more years before we know if it works and does not cause harm. You cannot mandate a risky procedure. Every person should be allowed to choose which risks they take with their health and their body. Even if these vaccines are rushed through and FDA Approved by the time you impose this mandate, it is unethical to force people to take a medical product that has risk.

This vaccine has 12,000 reports of death in the VAERS system (as I write this, and quickly climbing). The Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) was created by the federal government as post market surveillance of vaccines. This is the ONLY system we have of reporting and monitoring vaccine effects and damages. If you ignore this government sponsored system of post-market monitoring of this experimental product, you are blatantly ignoring an essential step in the scientific process that requires longterm observation on how the product is ACTUALLY affecting humans. This is blatant negligence and denial of harm to humans. It is unethical and against all human rights codes and medical codes of informed consent and do no harm. During the ACIP (American Counsel on Immunization Practices) meetings, they frequently refer to VAERS, often stating that "VAERS is not showing any problems with this vaccine" and they go ahead and add the vaccine to the schedule. They RELY of VAERS to make their decisions. It is horrifying to think that this body would ignore VAERS numbers at this point, when there are so many thousands of injuries and deaths and these vaccines are so new and experimental. VAERS should not be ignored. Fast-tracking approval and mandating these vaccines with the astronomical numbers in VAERS is horrifying, unethical and unscientific.

These vaccines come with risks, huge risks to some. Whether "approved" or not, these will continue to harm and kill a certain percent of people who take them. This fact requires that each person receive FULLY INFORMED consent as to the full possibly of harm it may cause IN ADDITION to the supposed benefits and the product MUST NOT BE MANDATED.

In addition, this infection is 98% survivable, and moreover, in people of college age, is even more survivable. As you know, very very few people in their 20s are dying of Covid, especially when treated early on with some of the highly effective protocols being used all over the country and world. If you do a risk benefit analysis, the numbers simply do not make sense: A vaccine that carries the risk seen in the VAERS numbers compared to an infection that carries a less than 1% death rate for people under 50 is NOT something that should be mandated.

This should be a choice. The vaccine DOES NOT prevent a person from getting or spreading Covid. Vaccinated people are still getting Covid and dying. If the vaccine helps prevent severe symptoms, that is great and people should be able to choose that. However, if the vaccine does not prevent transmission, it is a personal protection only and MUST NOT BE MANDATED.

If you mandate this risky procedure for healthy, young people to attend higher education, you are participating in turning this country into a dictatorship that is no longer free. Please do not allow your fear to cloud your scientific ability to reason that this infection is not so severe that we should mandate a vaccine that doesn't work very well and is killing and injuring thousands of people. There must be choice or we are not the home of the free. Please use your logic AND your hearts and allow this to remain a choice.

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