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Subject: Requiring COVID Vaccines at NSHE Institutions
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To the Nevada State Board of Health,

My name is Karl Rothe and I'm a concerned family member of a 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.755 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 Supreme Court of the United States also recently rejected a challenge to Indiana's vaccine mandate last week when Justice Coney Barrett denied the appeal.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a public health emergency that requires proactive measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on NSHE campuses. This mandate will help protect family members at home who cannot be vaccinated. The safety and wellbeing of thousands of Nevadans is in your hands and I encourage you to make the correct decision.

Thank you,
Karl Rothe