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Subject: Public comment for August 20th Board of Health meeting
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Good afternoon!

Please see the below public comment submitted for the August 20th.

I am a college student seeking a degree in medicine. I have watched strangers, acquaintances, friends, and family spew misinformation about this safe and effective vaccine. I watched helplessly as my grandfather was taken into the ICU where he died, scared and alone, gasping for breath from Covid. My grandmother didn't even have a chance to say goodbye to her husband of 50 years. The vaccine works. The vaccine is safe and effective. I IMPLORE you to mandate this vaccine for students. I want to continue my education in a safe environment without any more derailment. I won't throw statistics, or facts, or laws at you. I know I'm speaking to a well-educated board who is well aware of the laws surrounding a mandate such as this. I'm speaking to you instead as a student who just wants to pursue an education without fear. I want to continue my education so one day I might also sit where you are helping our higher education students know peace and safety. I'm speaking to you as a granddaughter who misses her grandpa. I'm speaking to you as a wife who fears for her husband who is also pursuing a degree. I'm speaking to you to please mandate this vaccine.

Best Regards,
Darian Richards