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To the State Board of Health,

My name is Zachary Billot, a UNLV undergraduate student and a senator for the Consolidated Students of UNLV student government.

As our educational integrity continues to be jeopardized by the Covid-19 pandemic, it becomes increasingly important for the sake of student academics in higher-ed institutions, that measures are taken to protect student welfare.

In regard to the Corona Virus pandemic, there has been an incredible amount of data that showcases the efficacy of vaccines not only for the at risk and elderly, but for all age groups. I was proudly vaccinated back in March as a eligible recipient and I think it is a crucial step in returning to some semblance of normalcy. Mandating vaccines on campus is nothing irregular. There are many vaccines that are mandated on campuses and Covid-19 vaccinations would not be anything out of the ordinary. With several other universities nationwide following suit, and the subsequent cases appealed through federal courts upholding the jurisdiction of Higher Education institutions implementing such mandates, the choice that best serves students seems clear. Vaccinations must be required on NSHE campuses for enrolled students if student and faculty health is of utmost concern.

As a final point, the increasing hospitalization and treatment of unvaccinated people is significant. If NSHE institutions were to be mandated to enforce Covid-19 vaccination, that would be a large number of residents vaccinated and potentially lead to more family members of those students to be vaccinated as well. It is crucial as we move forward through this pandemic that wholistic health is taken into consideration and that the safety of not only students and faculty of NSHE, but also the families that may be exposed to potentially life threatening of life changing infection is also considered.

Thank you,  
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Marilyn Monroe