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Hello,

My name is Brayden Wilhelm, I'm currently a student at Western Nevada College in Carson City. I am contacting you about the possible COVID vaccine mandate for all college campuses across the state. Some people would call me an "anti-vaxer" however this is not the case. I am usually in favor of vaccines especially when there is a deadly disease or virus spreading, however this COVID vaccine is very different than the others. Basically, this vaccine is not like a normal vaccine, instead it uses a new mRNA technology that hasn't been properly tested for a normal vaccine use. There simply has not been enough time to test this vaccine and have it be safe and effective. However, I believe vaccine use for people at higher risk of COVID is acceptable.

Though I may seem like one single college student who opposes this, I know there are plenty of other hard-working students in the state of Nevada who oppose this mandate also. By voting yes on this mandate, you would make this younger generation spend more time, money, and energy than normal, and make our already busy lives even more difficult. Though I have personal reasons of why I will not receive the vaccine at this time, I understand why some people would want to get it. I would not be so concerned if the vaccine was only recommended to college students, and not required. Another problem I see with this vaccine is that there have been tens of thousands of people who were fully vaccinated against COVID, yet still came down with the sickness. Usually when a person is vaccinated against a disease or virus, they never if hardly ever contract the disease or virus.

With the military and other organizations requiring the vaccine, I can't help but notice our own leaders. With all due respect to our government leaders, the White House staff and the current administration doesn't have a vaccine mandate for themselves. As a younger 19 year-old, it raises the question of, "Why haven't our leaders mandated it for themselves if it is safe and effective, and why are they pushing other organizations and everyone else to mandate it?" By voting yes to this mandate, you would loose population on college campuses around the state, due to people preferring not to get the COVID vaccine. I know myself and plenty of others who feel the same as me who would end up moving out of state to finish college. Unfortunately this would cause myself and others to spend a lot more money than we initially would've spent, and personally I would loose my scholarship money. However for my own personal reasons, I feel it is necessary in order to avoid getting the vaccine at this time.

I love the state of Nevada as I have lived here since I was 4 years old. I have made some great friends and memories over the years and I would be crushed if I had to finish college out of state. But it is a step that I and plenty of other concerned college students around Nevada are willing to take if you vote yes on this mandate. I want to see Nevada keep growing and thriving, but if this mandate is passed, less and less students will want to attend college in our beloved state. I want to thank you for your time and energy spent to keep us safe, God bless.

Respectfully,

~Brayden Wilhelm

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