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Hello,

My name is Hawah Ahmad and I am a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno. Recently, I spent time right off the campus to complete the July 2021 bar exam. Following the exam of roughly 50 individuals, there was a COVID-19 exposure of the applicants. If COVID-19 can happen in such a small and controlled testing environment of individuals, it is likely to happen in any larger setting of students.

Since that time, I have spoken to many students and faculty who believe a mandatory vaccination for COVID-19 will help to mitigate educational disruptions to allow students to focus on their education. I understand that vaccinations and masks are controversial subjects. However, I am here to say that they should not be. The science is clear, and COVID-19 is not necessarily going to go away. As such, we must manage the virus and mitigate the damage that can be done. Waiting until Spring would be detrimental to student learning, and will also mitigate the weight of COVID-19 on our healthcare system. Please require vaccinations now.

Respectfully,

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