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I am writing for public comment on Nevada State Board of Health August 20th Emergency Meeting Item 2: Consideration and Possible Adoption of Proposed Emergency Statement and Emergency Regulation Amendment of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 441A.755, relating to university, community college and state college students providing proof of immunity to certain communicable diseases, including COVID-19

I fully support a vaccine requirement for faculty, staff, and students at NSHE institutions.

I am a faculty member at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and my husband is a student in the nursing program at the university. We have four children including one child who is too young to receive the COVID19 vaccine. We are almost 2 years into this global, deadly pandemic and have lost over 600,000 Americans including over 6000 Nevadans. With increasing and more aggressive variants of COVID19, masking, distancing, and vaccines are necessary to prevent more sickness and death. Research has consistently and clearly supported that COVID19 vaccines are safe and effective and prevent hospitalizations and deaths. Additionally, they are available at NO COST to students, faculty, staff, or the NSHE system.

By requiring the vaccine, we are creating a safe environment for NSHE students to live and learn and faculty and staff to engage in meaningful scholarship and instruction. Without a vaccine requirement, in addition to the stress and anxiety for students and faculty, we are putting the lives of students and faculty at risk. The vaccine literally saves lives--lives that should not be put at risk for people to gain higher education or fulfill their employment.

Please consider the addition of the COVID19 vaccine for students vaccine requirements for enrollment and health requirements for faculty and staff.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our state.
Sincerely,
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