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My name is Stacy Newman and I'm a local lawyer and an alumna of UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law. I'm writing to express my strong support for the proposed amendment to NAC 441A.775 implementing a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for students enrolling in classes at NSHE institutions.

The argument that mandated vaccination for in-person attendance at state universities raises constitutional claims or violates individual constitutional rights is utterly false. The Seventh Circuit affirmed Indiana University's recent implementation of a COVID-19 vaccination policy earlier this month. As stated by the Court, under *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* (1905), "there can't be a constitutional problem with vaccination against SARS-CoV-2," because there is no fundamental right to refuse necessary public health measures such as vaccines. The Supreme Court of the United States declined to disturb this ruling, meaning that vaccine mandates are not likely to be unconstitutional.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a public health emergency that requires proactive measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on NSHE campuses. The safety and wellbeing of thousands of Nevadans is in your hands and I encourage you to make the correct decision.

Sincerely,  
Stacy Newman