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Dear Board of Health,

I recognize that you are under pressure from many agencies to "mandate" COVID-19 vaccines for all college students throughout Nevada. It is amazing that so many people in the state are under the illusion that their own vaccine will not "work" unless others are forced to receive one against their will or under threat of loss of employment, education, or access to services.

The members of the Nevada State Board of Health do not have the power to create laws nor to make up mandates upon entire populations to force them to receive any drug or medication let alone one that is still in clinical trials and not approved by the FDA. Do not mandate COVID-19 vaccines for Nevada college students. It is immoral and unconstitutional. The members of the State Board of Health are not licensed to practice medicine on entire populations.

There is no pharmaceutical product that is or can be said to be 100% safe for every individual under every circumstance, therefore it is imperative that every individual be free to determine her or his own risk and benefit assessment of all medical procedures and drugs and remain free from threats and coercion as they make those choices.

None of the pharmaceutical companies who manufacture COVID-19 vaccines are liable for injury or harm cause by their products nor for the failure of their products to prevent serious illness or death from COVID-19. Is the Nevada State Board of Health prepared to assume full financial responsibility and legal liability for any and all injuries caused by COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine failure should this board attempt to "mandate" COVID-19 vaccines on college students or anyone else in Nevada?

Nevadans are smart, capable, and resilient. They do not require this Board to rule over them in what should be private medical choices. In addition, COVID-19 vaccines are not without ethical concerns. Every one of the COVID-19 vaccines on the market were either tested on or produced using cell lines derived from aborted fetal tissue. For many people, using these products or supporting the companies who made them is a violation of their conscience and religious beliefs. In Nevada, the state constitution guarantees the free exercise of religion as does the US Constitution. This means that people can't be segregated or discriminated against on the basis of their religion or forced to act contrary to their beliefs as a prerequisite for participating in normal society.

As the vaccines have the power only to act on the immune system of the one injected with them, the unvaccinated are no threat to anyone's health. Everyone has been offered or even bribed to get these vaccines, and if they have chosen to get them they can be protected personally as far as the vaccine is capable of doing so. In earlier trials, these vaccines were not tested to see if they could prevent infection or transmission of COVID-19. So the effect to be expected is one of potentially lessening symptoms in the injected person but not limiting spread of the virus. If the attempt is to claim that unvaccinated are a risk to the vaccinated, that is both an admission of vaccine failure and inefficacy as well as a denial of plain common sense.

Sincerely,
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