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Representative Chris Pappas
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September 24, 2021

Dear Senator Shaheen, Senator Hassan, Representative Kuster, and Representative Pappas,

We are writing to ask you to advocate on behalf of Granite Staters and oppose the federal mandates and restrictions coming from the Biden administration.

To shift the public's attention away from the growing crisis along our border, soaring inflation and the tragic mishandling of Afghanistan, the Biden administration reversed its position and rushed out a sweeping vaccine mandate. The details have been left up to the discretion of an unelected agency with no legislative authority. Who would be subject to the mandate, and who would be exempt? How would the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) enforce it? Are we passing the costs of enforcement and testing on to our small businesses, which are already struggling to overcome the economic trauma of the past 18 months?

This latest attempt at federal control through OSHA is an egregious misstep in many ways. This mandate disregards the selflessness of our health care workers who are already in extremely short supply. It flies in the face of those who were deemed "essential" by the government and helped to keep Main Street businesses operating throughout the pandemic. Through this unilateral decision, workers will be forced to choose between self-governance and their jobs adding more casualties to the diminishing labor force and causing more businesses to close.

More than half of the population in New Hampshire has been vaccinated because of the steady leadership under Governor Sununu, active community outreach by Commissioner Shibinette and the New Hampshire



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Department of Health and Human Services as well as Dr. Chan's thoughtful, commonsense approach to infectious disease control. With this model, our citizens have been given the tools needed to make informed medical decisions for themselves and their families. Resources are readily available to everyone, and anyone who wants the vaccine can now get it.

We have proven that mandates are not a practical way to vaccination success. We urge you, as our State Delegation in Washington, to oppose this massive overreach on businesses and employees across New Hampshire. We ask that you use the authority of Congress to demand oversight and accountability from an administration that is running on chaos and confusion. We need strong and effective leadership.

Granite Staters are angry about having their medical freedom taken away through government intrusion. This is not how we do business here in New Hampshire. Please make the right choice and stand up for the constituents you promised to represent.

Sincerely,

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