

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Attorneys General:

We write in strong support of your opposition to the Biden Administration's various vaccine mandates and affirm your actions to legally challenge the constitutionality of these overreaching orders. President Biden's unilateral mandates to require vaccination of private citizens are not only a threat to individual liberty and our public safety, but will yield immense social, economic, and constitutional consequences.

These broad, heavy-handed, and wholly unnecessary requirements are a startling and unconstitutional expansion of executive authority. The vaccine mandate for private businesses, specifically, is a one-size-fits-all approach which undoubtedly exceeds the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) statutory authority. Not only does OSHA lack this power and the ability to enforce it, but the proposal also suggests enforcement through emergency temporary standard (ETS) which does not require evaluation through notice and comment periods. Considering this mandate will directly affect over 80 million Americans, with millions more facing indirect harm, public feedback and information is imperative to such a broad declaration.

With many hospitals and other essential infrastructure facing eventual closure due to these vaccine mandates, the Biden Administration is creating unnecessary uncertainty and stress for employers and their workers. This time last year, President Biden repeatedly praised healthcare workers and small business owners as heroes. Now, he is effectively firing them for political reasons. Additionally, case counts and hospitalizations are in sharp decline, further negating a "need" for vaccine mandates.

In the short time since the President announced his intent to pursue wide-ranging vaccine mandates for employees, we have had a preview of the disastrous social and economic effects this policy will have on American families. Many Americans will leave the job market instead of forfeiting their personal liberties, which will further strain an already struggling labor market. In the Federal Reserve's Beige Book, released on October 20, 2021, vaccine mandates were cited as causation for the high turnover as workers sought other opportunities or left the workforce entirely. As supply chains continue to tighten and economic growth remains lacking, President Biden must be held accountable for the damaging effects the mandates will have on communities across the country.

As the proposed rules are issued and litigation is filed, we stand ready to use our authority in Congress, through amicus curiae briefs, legislation, and congressional oversight power to invalidate these mandates and fight for Americans' healthcare freedom and individual liberties. Congress has not granted the executive branch the authority to impose a sweeping vaccine mandate, and we remain vehemently opposed to doing so should an authorizing measure be brought to a vote. In fact, Representative Andy Biggs and other Members of Congress have filed

legislation to nullify President Biden's Executive Orders and prohibit the Secretaries of Labor and Health and Human Services from issuing any rule to require vaccination for employers under their respective jurisdictions. This legislation is a necessary first step from Congress in pushing against the Administration's authoritarian actions.

Thank you for your tireless efforts to ensure the liberties of Americans and the viability of our national, state, and local economies. We stand ready to assist in these efforts however possible.

Sincerely,



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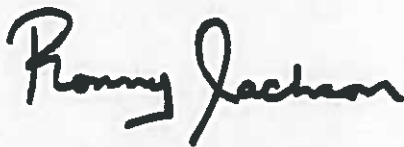
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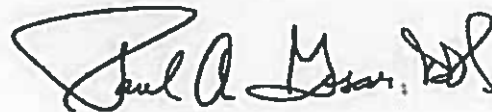
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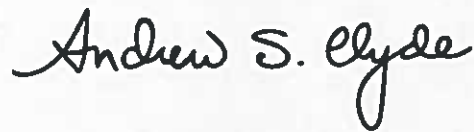
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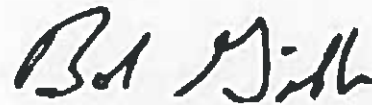
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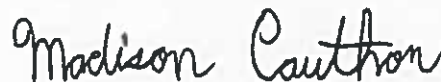
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