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Greetings,

We write to you today to inquire about your campus' continued COVID-19 vaccine mandate for students. It's been almost a year since the President signed H.Res. 7, which passed Congress with bipartisan support, ending the COVID-19 national emergency on April 10, 2023. The following month the Public Health Emergency relating to COVID expired. Your institution is among the last 55 colleges/universities still mandating a COVID-19 vaccine. Leading Universities across the United States, including Stanford, University of Chicago, Northwestern, University of Michigan, and as of this week, Harvard University, no longer require a COVID vaccine to attend. If these top institutions ended their vaccine mandate, why is yours still in place?

With hospitalization rates near the lowest they've been since 2020, and a student population whose age is at increasingly low risk of hospitalization because of COVID-19, what reason is there for a COVID-19 vaccine mandate on your campus? Why are your students being rejected for a policy that has been dropped nationwide?

This discrimination against students who have not gotten a COVID vaccine is wrong, and unnecessary. In the President's own words from 2022, the pandemic is over. This policy is unjust, unfair, and unnecessary. It's time for your institution to move on and end this discrimination against students.

Sincerely,



Rep Kevin Kiley