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My name is Joni McGary. I co-founded and ran NoCollegeMandates.com (NCM) until October 2022. NCM is a coalition of many thousands of college stakeholders working to end Covid-19 vaccine mandates on college campuses. . In my role at NCM, I was witness to the unintended consequences of, and the failure of Covid-19 vaccine mandates to stop campus transmission.

I continue my work as an independent advocate for the removal of Covid-19 vaccine mandates as a condition of enrollment at nearly 1000 colleges in the US. More than 200 schools require at least one booster

I submit this brief testimony today to support the prohibition of Covid-19 vaccine mandates on college campuses, and to prohibit in future any mandates of experimental products as a condition of student enrolment. Please forgive the lack of supporting evidence. I was only recently made aware of this bill. I will be providing a more thorough document soon.

College mandates began in late spring/summer of 2021, when there was wide belief that the shots prevented transmission and infection, and before it was publicly known that there were serious adverse events from the product, especially in young men. Colleges were desperate to find a way to re-open campuses and assure their faculty and students (and their families) that they were doing so safely. A vaccine requirement seemed to make sense at the time, per CDC guidance.

Mandates persist even though they were a failure and demonstrably cause a net harm. They are insupportable by current data, yet they persist.

Here are the facts:

Mandates did not prevent widespread outbreaks of Covid-19 on campuses, even in places that had near 100% compliance.

The college-age population is at essentially zero risk of harm or death from Covid-19 infection. You will note that college “dashboards” do not list hospitalizations of students. That is very likely because there are none.

The shots have a concerning safety profile. We now know that a certain percentage of people in this age group WILL get myocarditis or pericarditis as a result of the injection. We now know that the injection has caused widespread menstrual disruptions, the long term effect of which on fertility is unknown. When students rushed to get the initial injections, they were not made aware of these risks. In short, they did not – indeed they could not - give informed consent.

Colleges did not do their own risk-benefit analysis but rather relied upon what we now know to be flawed recommendations from the CDC and other public health organizations. This rush to

mandate was understandable (though wrong) at the time. What is very concerning is that the mandates persist, even though we now have data to show they are a net harm.

A prohibition of mandates will restore choice and prevent harmful policies from being implemented out of fear or coercion in the future. (Most colleges receive a great deal of federal funding, much of which is from HHS, NIH, CDC – none of which are disinterested parties in vaccination.)

Thank you for your consideration.

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