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December 10, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

I write to express great concern regarding the unequal and unjust enforcement of Executive Orders 14043, "Requiring Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination for Federal Employees," and 14042, "Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors."

As you are well aware, the numerous judicial injunctions on these unconstitutional orders have resulted in federal government operations with varying degrees of compliance. This has resulted in a double standard between those subject to these measures and those who are not.

For instance, on October 28, 2021, a Washington, DC district court judge halted your Administration's ability to fire federal employees and servicemembers while their COVID-19 vaccine exemption applications are being processed. The Administration's punitive vaccine mandate for employees of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has been halted as well. Furthermore, on December 7, 2021, a nationwide injunction was issued to block the mandate for federal contractors.

Simply put, if there are employees in some parts of the country still working without being vaccinated, how can you claim that nationwide mandates are necessary under an emergency process?

The unequal application of justice and blatant inconsistencies of these orders are in stark contrast to both the letter and the spirit of U.S. law. I commend the judges who stood firm in their understanding of American jurisprudence.

As a physician and member of the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, I am confident that there is a way to support public health while staying true to our principles. I respectfully urge you to rescind these orders effective immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark E. Green".

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