



MISSOURI SENATE
JEFFERSON CITY

September 10, 2021

The Honorable Michael L. Parson
Governor, State of Missouri
P.O. Box 720
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Dear Governor Parson,

Yesterday, the President of the United States announced his plan to force-vaccinate a large part of the American workforce with intimidation and using the power of the federal government. Private employers with 100 or more employees will be mandated to vaccinate workers or face fines up to \$14,000 per infraction. If that wasn't enough, the President is also force-vaccinating federal employees and using tax dollars against the American people by coercing any health care providers who take Medicare and Medicaid patients to force-vaccinate their employees.

The President has crossed a line.

This isn't leadership. It's coercion. It's the federal government invading the personal lives of Americans on an unprecedented scale. It's an attack on the Constitution and our right to determine our own fate and control our own lives. No where in the Constitution is the President given the authority to unilaterally force private business and private citizens to be vaccinated. No law was passed by Congress and it was not reviewed or approved by the elected representatives of the people. This plan was hatched in the Oval Office to take attention away from the President's string of recent failures. The sad reality is this plan from the President isn't about public health or protecting Americans. It's about politics and it's wrong.

This isn't government of the People, by the People, and for the People. This is the Imperial Presidency wielding authoritarianism to stamp out the individual freedoms we hold dear. This isn't the America the Founders created over two centuries ago. It's not even the America of nine months ago. This is Biden's America where your unvaccinated neighbor is your enemy and the federal government is all-knowing and all-powerful.

The people of Missouri are looking to us to lead, now more than ever. This is where we put our foot down and say to the federal government, "thus far and no farther." If we don't act, hundreds of thousands of Missourians could be affected. Many will lose their jobs but, more importantly, if this stands all of us will lose our rights as Americans and a dangerous precedent will be set.

The decision to be vaccinated or not is each individual person's to make. It's not the government's decision and it's not the President's.

This is the time to fight back against "federal power grabs and government overreach that threatens to limit our freedoms." Next week, in concurrence with the constitutionally-established Veto Session, I respectfully request you call an extraordinary session for the purpose of addressing this infringement of our state sovereignty and to take all appropriate steps to protect the rights and liberties of Missourians from the unconstitutional actions of the Biden Administration and the federal government.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for your service to the people of Missouri.

Sincerely,



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