

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83**

1 A resolution to condemn President Joe Biden's authoritarian
2 decision to impose vaccine requirements on private employers and
3 urge the Governor and Attorney General of Michigan to pursue all
4 available avenues to challenge the unlawful mandate.

5 Whereas, On September 9, 2021, President Joe Biden announced
6 his administration's plan to impose strict COVID-19 vaccine
7 requirements on private businesses. Effective January 4, 2022,
8 employers with over 100 employees will be required to ensure
9 employees are vaccinated or impose burdensome weekly testing
10 regimens. President Biden has also mandated vaccines for health
11 care workers, federal contractors, and the majority of federal
12 workers; and

13 Whereas, These requirements are an egregious overreach by
14 President Biden infringing on Americans' civil liberties. Health

1 care decisions, including whether or not to get vaccinated, are
2 deeply personal and should not be subject to intrusive and
3 autocratic edicts from the government; and

4 Whereas, The vaccine requirement will impact two-thirds of the
5 nation's private sector workforce. Imposing sanctions, such as lost
6 employment, on the most economically vulnerable is unnecessarily
7 cruel; and

8 Whereas, Extreme central planning and federal overreach will
9 exacerbate supply chain shortages; interrupt manufacturing
10 production; risk destabilizing our critical water, sewer, and
11 energy infrastructure; put additional life-threatening pressure on
12 our health care industry; further challenge and cause growing gaps
13 in our education system; and cause additional labor shortages
14 across all industries; and

15 Whereas, The mandate will exacerbate the hiring challenges
16 that many businesses are already facing. Employers are already
17 experiencing significant resource and workforce shortages that will
18 only be made worse by adding additional requirements that limit the
19 number of workers available; and

20 Whereas, President Biden's dictate is not grounded in science
21 and does not address the significant COVID-19 protections acquired
22 by natural immunity. Any policy ignoring science in favor of
23 oppressive mandates reveals the true purpose of that policy is
24 control rather than public health. This directive serves no public
25 health purpose and will result in resistance, not compliance; and

26 Whereas, To date, at least 27 states have filed legal
27 challenges or expressly stated an intention to push back against
28 President Biden's reckless government overreach. Resistance to the
29 federal mandate by state leaders has been bipartisan, as three

1 states with Democratic governors - Kansas, Kentucky, and Louisiana
2 - have joined the lawsuits. However, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and
3 Attorney General Dana Nessel have thus far acquiesced to President
4 Biden's intrusion upon our state's sovereignty and policymaking
5 process; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the Senate, That we condemn President Biden's
7 authoritarian decision to impose vaccine requirements on private
8 employers; and be it further

9 Resolved, That we call upon Governor Gretchen Whitmer and
10 Attorney General Dana Nessel to join those leaders who have filed
11 suit to protect the interests of their states and their citizens
12 and pursue all available avenues to challenge President Biden's
13 unlawful mandate; and

14 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
15 President of the United States, the Governor, and the Attorney
16 General.