

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

Senator Theis offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to condemn President Biden's authoritarian Head
2 Start Vaccine and Mask Mandate and call upon Governor Gretchen
3 Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel to take action against
4 this egregious federal overreach.

5 Whereas, After initially rejecting vaccine mandates, President
6 Joe Biden declared that his "patience" with unvaccinated Americans
7 was "wearing thin" as he announced a number of mandates, including
8 for Head Start programs. The Head Start Mandate requires all Head
9 Start staff, volunteers, and contractors to be vaccinated and all
10 individuals two years or older to wear masks; and

11 Whereas, The Head Start Mandate is a blatant overreach of
12 executive authority. The Founding Fathers gave Congress the power
13 to make laws, not the executive branch. Allowing the President to

1 enact law by decree on a whim or when they "lose patience" with
2 Americans would fundamentally alter our system of government; and

3 Whereas, The Head Start Mandate infringes on the rights of
4 states protected by the United States Constitution. Under the Tenth
5 Amendment, states retain all powers that are not granted to the
6 federal government. Allowing the Head Start Mandate to take effect
7 would radically alter the relationship between states and the
8 federal government; and

9 Whereas, The Head Start Mandate serves no public health
10 purpose and will result in resistance, not compliance. The
11 continued use of oppressive policies, such as mandates, in the face
12 of another COVID-19 variant and the third year of the Pandemic
13 reveals that the policy's true purpose is control rather than
14 public health. Such policies are particularly alarming and
15 destructive when directed at our nation's young children; and

16 Whereas, Despite the Head Start Mandate's dubious legality,
17 Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel have
18 continued to acquiesce to the Biden Administration's intrusion upon
19 our state's sovereign lawmaking authority and refused to stand up
20 for the rule of law. To date, two federal courts have enjoined
21 enforcement of the Head Start Mandate, effectively prohibiting its
22 enforcement in the twenty-five states that challenged the mandate.
23 As a result, federal mandates that are not currently effective only
24 a few miles away in the State of Ohio continue to be imposed upon
25 Michiganders; now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the Senate, That we condemn President Biden's
27 authoritarian Head Start Vaccine and Mask Mandate; and be it
28 further

29 Resolved, That we call upon Governor Gretchen Whitmer and

1 Attorney General Dana Nessel to join those leaders who have filed
2 suit to protect the interests of their states and citizens and
3 pursue all available avenues to stop enforcement of President
4 Biden's unlawful Head Start Mandate and all other recent instances
5 of egregious federal overreach; and be it further

6 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
7 President of the United States, the Director of the United States
8 Department of Health and Human Services, the Governor, and the
9 Attorney General.