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Subject: Opposing State-Imposed COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates

The Shasta County Board of Supervisors previously expressed our concern with the “one size fits all” approach by the State of California in their COVID-19 response. This letter is in response to the recent Statewide Public Health Officer Orders requiring further testing, masking and vaccination mandates.

We recognize the need to respond proactively to rising COVID-19 case rates. However, we believe each county should have the ability to select options which are best suited for the local conditions faced by that jurisdiction, after considering all of the relevant factors.

As a Board, we support our north state healthcare facilities and trust that an appropriate resolution will be reached by each organization (after careful consideration of data and information), thus avoiding any reduced access to healthcare in Shasta County. We strongly oppose the state-imposed legislation and actions that remove personal health care choices related to COVID-19.

The Shasta County Board of Supervisors recognizes California’s State of Emergency, and requirements as directed in gubernatorial Executive Orders or statutes, and all California Department of Public Health orders, directives, and guidance (“State Requirements”) remain in effect.

Sincerely,

Joe Chimenti, Chair  
Board of Supervisors