

President Joseph R. Biden
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500-0003

October 11, 2021

Re: Open letter from Ohio clergy regarding September 9th, 2021 Executive Orders & Actions pertaining to COVID-19 experimental vaccines

Dear President Biden,

On September 9th, your office issued sweeping executive orders mandating all employees of the executive branch of the federal government and all contractors of the federal government be fully vaccinated from COVID-19 or potentially face termination. This action was taken by your office to combat a virus with an overall 99.74% survival rate. (1)

In addition, your office instructed the Department of Labor to issue an emergency rule mandating employers with 100 or more employees to ensure they be fully vaccinated or provide a negative test for COVID-19 at least once a week. It is our understanding this new rule would reportedly affect two-thirds of the U.S. workforce and carry a \$14,000 fine for each violation. (2)

As clergymen from one hundred and one (101) diverse congregations across North Central Ohio, we would like to note that this unnecessary mandate by your office is in sharp contrast to the statement you made as President-elect on December 4th, 2020 when you stated you would not impose a national vaccine mandate. (3) Ironically, several months prior, on October 7th, 2020 your Vice President Kamala Harris stated she would not take a COVID-19 vaccine if ordered by the President of the United States. (4)

This is a clear double standard. The Bible says in James 1:8, "For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."

This pattern of insincerity continues when in your September 9th announcement, you publicly stated to our Constitutional Republic: "This (federal mandate) is not about freedom or personal choice." (5) On the very same day, Vice President Kamala Harris publicly stated the polar-opposite when meeting with the abortion industry saying: "When people are able to make choices without government interference for themselves in terms of the well-being of themselves and their family, we are a strong democracy." (6) Sadly, human tissue from pre-born infant victims of abortion has been used for the manufacturing of the COVID-19 vaccines. (7)

In other words Mr. President, your Administration believes the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness do not come from our Creator GOD but rather from a federal government which does not know its right hand from its left. Your Administration's politicization of the truth is profound.

Because of this hypocrisy and lack of dignity for persons created in the image of GOD, whether born or unborn, as leading clergymen of one hundred and one (101) diverse congregations across North Central Ohio, we reject a federal vaccine mandate that interferes with individual autonomy. We think it is immoral for persons to be forced to take unproven COVID-19 experimental vaccinations associated with nearly fifteen thousand deaths (8), 1.5 million reports of adverse events, (9) at least one hundred thousand breakthrough COVID infections in vaccinated persons, (10) and that may alter their own DNA. (11)

We believe the Bible when it says in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God..."

It is no small matter that as illegal immigrants with no health screening are pouring across the U.S. border, they have been made exempt from your vaccine mandate. (12) Because of this derelict policy, it is not surprising that for Labor

Day 2021, there was a 300 % increase in COVID Cases during a period when vaccines are available as compared to the 2020 Labor Day when there was no approved vaccine on the market. (13)

Mr. President, we believe you too have crossed a line.

The national work force along with families protecting their own personal health will be adversely impacted when coerced to either take the job or lose their job. Forced COVID-19 experimental vaccinations will leave our military and health care systems shorthanded and vulnerable. The benefits of the vaccine mandate do not outweigh the known risks.

We believe GOD-given natural immunity found in the human body as observed in studies from Israel (14) and the Cleveland Clinic (15) can be more effective for many persons than experimental vaccinations that have not been properly clinically tested. (16) We also believe other time-proven methods of treatment blacklisted by your Federal Drug Administration are as effective in combatting COVID. (17) (18)

In closing, to combat a virus with an overall 99.74% survival rate, the federal government should not impose its will on persons by mandating COVID-19 experimental vaccines and removing other alternative treatments. People should have the ability to make their own health decisions. This unilateral and divisive order is unethical and tantamount to what a totalitarian king would dictate. Furthermore Mr. President, with respect to your vaccine mandate, we respond by saying 'We have no king but King Jesus.'

Clergymen co-signors from one hundred and one (101) diverse congregations throughout the Buckeye Bible Belt of North Central Ohio include:

**Pastor John Bouquet, Savannah Bethel Baptist
Bishop Sylvester Ginn, Ontario Hesus Agape Ministries
Bishop Anthony Cooper, Shelby Life Church
Pastor Christopher Repogle, Crestline Calvary Baptist
Pastor Randy Raynes, Mansfield Fellowship Baptist
Pastor Dave Rentzel, Ontario Abundant Life
Pastor Mark Dettmer, Pleasant Grove Community
Pastor Hank Webb, Belmont Community Church
Pastor Mike Rose, Hope on the Hill Chapel
Pastor David Bates, Galion Unity Freewill Baptist
Pastor Mark Wireman, Shiloh Pentecostal Church
Pastor Mark Meyer, Lexington Gracepoint Sanctuary
Pastor Eric Byrom, Mansfield Grace Fellowship
Pastor Jerry O'Brien, Orville Faith Harvest
Pastor Robert Kurtz, Mansfield Baptist Temple
Pastor Doug Tackett, Taylortown Community Church
Pastor Dallas Waggle, Lucas Foursquare Gospel
Pastor Dan Baer, Mansfield Gospel Assembly
Pastor L.D. Broome, Paradise Hill United Methodist
Pastor Rob Ratcliff, North Woodbury Freewill Baptist
Pastor Matt Merendino, Clear Fork Alliance
Pastor Bruce Philippi, Journey Life Center
Elder James DeWeese, Providence Church
Pastor Joshua Cole, Tabernacle of Praise
Pastor Brian Snow, Fredericktown First Baptist
Pastor Les Vnasdale, Cornerstone Grace Brethren
Pastor David Parsons, Zion's Refuge Baptist**

**Pastor Lucian Baker, Christ the King Community Church
Pastor Joe Maggelet, Ashland Fellowship Christian Athletes
Pastor Justin Lawhorn, New Vision Church God Prophecy
Pastor Art Kenard, Shelby Maranatha Christian
Pastor Dave Davenport, Ontario Faith Baptist
Pastor Rick Maddox, Galion Alliance Church
Pastor Rick Lewis, Shelby Church of GOD
Pastor Bryan Schatzinger, Mansfield Calvary Chapel
Pastor Howdie Burnette, Perrysville Baptist
Pastor Chad Hayes, Mansfield Caeserea Baptist
Pastor Robert O'Brian, Apostolic Faith Assembly
Pastor J.C. Church, Bucyrus Victory in Truth Ministries
Pastor Steve Burkhalter, Ontario Potter's House
Pastors Jim & Katherine Marshall, Ganges Community Church
Pastor Les & Grace Farley, Lexington Irresistible Church
Pastor Dink Porter, First Church of the Open Bible
Pastor Steve Baldridge, Rome Community Church
Pastor Dan Zediker, Mansfield Mission Point
Pastor Rich Hurles, Plymouth LifePoint Church
Pastor Brian Phillips, New Beginnings Freewill Baptist
Pastor Russ Smith, Shiloh Wesley Evangelical
Pastor John Temple, Loudonville Trinity Community
Pastor Earl Eiklor, Walker Lake Baptist
Pastor Ben Gregg, Plymouth Church of GOD
Pastor Clint Zeigler, Sovereign Christ Church
Pastor Clarence Sanderfer, New Life Baptist
Pastor Ted Howard, Apostolic Holiness Church**

Clergymen co-signors from one hundred and one (101) diverse congregations throughout the Buckeye Bible Belt of North Central Ohio include: (Cont'd)

Pastor George Lewis, Shelby Temple of GOD
Pastor Paul Lintern, Oakland Lutheran
Pastor Tim Davis, Newville Baptist Church
Reverend El Akuchie, Godsfield House of Prayer
Pastor David Mahon, Galion Apostolic Assembly
Pastor Matt Potosky, Albion Brethren Church
Pastor Tim George, Abundant Grace Fellowship
Pastor David Ferrell, Mansfield Holiness Chapel
Pastor Faron Cole, Rittman Eastern Rd. Church of GOD
Pastor Joe Smith, Ontario Westside Baptist
Pastor Paul Matthewson, Maranatha Bible Baptist
Pastor Steve Schag, Shelby Calvary Baptist
Pastor James Hill, Mansfield Paradise Church
Pastor Joe Silvestri, Wooster Bible Church
Pastor Ferlie Yates, Hanna Road Church of GOD
Pastor Dana Gammell, Cathedral of Life
Pastor Chad Berry, Lexington New Liberty Baptist
Pastor Mark Bailey, Mansfield Freewill Baptist
Pastor Steven Hodges, Galion Gospel Baptist
Pastor James Mitchell, New Liberty Baptist
Pastor Don Wilson, Mansfield Faith Assembly
Bishop Eli Miller, Amish Perry District 2
Pastor Robert Bird, Perrysville Vermillion Baptist
Pastor Clyde Kerby, Ministries of Hope & Healing

Pastor Aaron Rose, Madison Fusion Church
Pastor Paul Lintern, Southside Christian Church
Pastor Rich Rader, Journey Harbor Fellowship
Pastor Glen Phillips, Hillside First Church of GOD
Pastor Aaron Boggs, Fredericktown Freewill Baptist
Rabbi Bob Bauer, Crestline Beit El Elyon
Pastor Jason Price, Victory Baptist Church
Pastor David Guild, Mansfield Foursquare Gospel
Pastor Mark Galambos, Aurora River of Life Church
Pastor Sheldon Mencer, Coshocton Mission 3:16 Church
Pastor Steven Conn, Bethel Freewill Baptist
Pastor Floyd Allen, Philippian Community Church
Pastor Chris Spencer, Crestline Grace Baptist
Pastor William Payne, Emmanuel United Methodist
Pastor Kevin Evans, Ganges Liberty Baptist
Pastor Danny Akers, Victory Rock Praise & Worship Ctr.
Pastor John Campos, Bowman Church of GOD
Pastor Brad Gentile, Shelby First Baptist
Pastor Ricky Branham, Willard Ripley Chapel
Pastor Berry Carter, Massillon City Bible Church
Pastor Bill Strader, Bucyrus First Alliance
Pastor Steve Brenneman, Awakening Church
Pastor Jeffrey Geaslen, West Salem Christ the Cornerstone

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