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**October 28, 2021 – UW SYSTEM IS OUT OF CONTROL – AGAIN**

**Wisconsin United for Freedom** stands with the employees of the UW System in regard to health freedom, as the UW System recently announced its plans to follow federal vaccine mandates for employees.

Back on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Wisconsin United for Freedom sent out a ‘Call To Action’ with respect to the UW System. We issued a ‘Call to Action’ because as a state agency, the University of Wisconsin System is required by state law to submit administrative rule changes to the legislature, specifically the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR). On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, JCRAR passed a motion requiring the University of Wisconsin System, a State Agency, to submit their COVID-19 policies to the legislature/JCRAR by September 2nd, 2021. However, on August 24th, 2021, UW System President Tommy Thompson stated that he would not be submitting the UW System’s COVID-19 policies to the legislature/JCRAR, in violation of the August 3rd motion, and they have yet to do so.

Our previous ‘Call to Action’ encouraged Wisconsinites to respectfully request the Senate and Assembly leadership take legal action if the UW System did not comply with the August 3<sup>rd</sup> motion by the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules. We stated that if the Senate and Assembly leadership did not move forward on pursuing legal action against the UW System regarding this issue, that worse policies were going to be attempted to be implemented in the future, such as vaccine mandates. This is exactly what is taking place now. The UW System is planning to follow federal vaccine mandates for employees. As an organization, and more importantly, as mothers and fathers in this great state, we stand firmly and unwaveringly for health choice, and against vaccine mandates for every man, woman, and child in Wisconsin, and in this nation.

If the UW System is allowed to continue with this defyingly brazen abuse of power, they could potentially implement more restrictive COVID-19 policies in the future such as:

- COVID-19 vaccine mandates for all students and even campus visitors
- Required submission of personal health records, such as COVID-19 vaccination status
- Implementation of discriminatory policies against individuals who do not wish to publicly disclose their health records or who have chosen not to receive a COVID-19 vaccine

Wisconsin United for Freedom commends Senator Nass, Co-chairman of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules for his most recent press release. He states:

*“The UW System is not merely refusing to follow state law, it is an agency brazenly defying the constitutional authority of the legislature. If the US System is allowed to act unlawfully simply because it’s temporarily under the leadership of a former Republican governor, then members of the majority party in the legislature are not committed to the rule of law.”*

Wisconsin United for Freedom stands in solidarity with Senator Nass’s request that the Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu commence legal action against the UW System to seek compliance with state law.

If this taxpayer funded educational system is not held accountable to the Wisconsin constitution, they will continue to boldly push, inch by inch, to see what other unconstitutional restrictions they can get away with. If action is not taken by the legislature, the UW System will push the boundaries even further and could potentially disallow individuals from attending college within the UW System based on whether they are vaccinated or not. As parents, this is unconscionable, and we will not sit idly by and remain quiet about this issue.

We encourage all freedom fighters in Wisconsin to pick up the phone daily starting October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and CALL Speaker Vos and Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu and request that they stand up to the bullies of the UW System and pursue legal action so that the law is followed. Our children’s educational future is at stake, and we encourage all groups who wish to stand up to the top-down Biden Administrations authoritarian vaccine mandates and drastic change in our cultural values to push back against this issue with us in solidarity.

**Action:**

**CALL** Assembly and Senate leadership daily from Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Friday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Respectfully request that legal action must be taken against the UW System on behalf of JCRAR to force the UW System to comply with state law to prevent vaccine mandates.

• **Representative Robin Vos: (608)266-9171**

• **Senator Devin LeMahieu: (608)266-2056**

Please remember that staff members who handle phone calls are generally pleasant. However, if you prefer not to speak with anyone, you can choose to leave a voicemail before or after normal business hours (8am to 5pm). Please forward this alert to individuals and organizations who are committed to ensuring that our elected officials uphold the law!