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3 By Senators Butler, Scofield, Givhan, Livingston, Marsh,
4 Holley, Gudger, Barfoot, Price, Jones, Elliott, Chambliss,
5 Shelnutt, Williams, Waggoner, Chesteen, Melson, Orr, Weaver,
6 Sessions, Allen and Reed
7 RFD:
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OPPOSING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION VACCINE MANDATE.

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2021, President Joe Biden issued two executive orders mandating COVID-19 vaccines for federal workers and contractors; further, the Biden Administration unveiled new vaccine and testing requirements for health care providers and employers with 100 or more employees; together, these requirements would affect over two-thirds of the American workforce; and

WHEREAS, such an effort to compel Americans to submit to vaccination by using the force of federal government is an overreach of the power the several states entrusted to that central government under the principles of American federalism; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the moral and constitutional concerns inherent in such a sweeping, invasive mandate, the Biden Administration's plan would place an onerous burden on employers, particularly health care providers, by forcing these employers to choose between complying with federal orders or maintaining their workforce; many health care

1 employees and other segments of the workforce have found it
2 necessary to stage protests or otherwise signal their
3 disapproval of a vaccine mandate; in addition to the
4 substantive concerns about the mandate, when viewed in the
5 present context of nationwide labor shortages and political
6 divisiveness, the plan is inexcusably ill-timed; and

7 WHEREAS, this body finds it necessary and proper to
8 voice its opposition to the Biden Administration's COVID-19
9 vaccine mandate; inoculation is a personal medical choice, and
10 to state otherwise is to take a chisel to the central pillars
11 of freedom and liberty, upon which this nation was founded;
12 vaccination should not be required as a condition of
13 employment, public or private, and religious exemptions should
14 always be honored; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body strongly opposes the
17 Biden Administration's vaccine mandate for federal workers and
18 contractors, as well as the proposed requirements for large
19 employers and health care employers to require vaccination and
20 testing, as erosions of the freedom and liberty of the peoples
21 of this state and this nation.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
23 resolution be sent to President Joe Biden, Secretary of Labor
24 Martin J. Walsh, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for
25 Occupational Safety and Health James Frederick, Acting
26 Director of the Office of Management and Budget Shalanda
27 Young, and each member of the Alabama Congressional

1 Delegation, so that the sentiments of this body on this most
2 important issue might be known.