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Via email to Office of Government and Community Relations

Dr. Eric Barron, President
The Pennsylvania State University
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Dr. Barron:

We recognize there are many challenging factors that Penn State weighed in deciding whether to require incoming and returning students to be vaccinated for Covid-19 and we acknowledge the many positive benefits that Penn State and its students bring to our community.

We are hearing from many of our citizens who are concerned that unvaccinated college students like any other group of unvaccinated residents may spur an increase in virus infections and hospitalizations in our community. Among other consequences, this would impact our schools where children under age 12 do not have the protection of a vaccine. It also would impact the economic health of our businesses should a virus surge prompt new restrictions.

Therefore for the public health and economic wellbeing of our community, we, the Patton Township Board of Supervisors, strongly urge Penn State to reconsider its decision not to require incoming students to be vaccinated for Covid-19 and to require vaccinations just as many other Big 10 Universities are doing.

Thank you for your consideration

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