

President Joseph R. Biden  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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## **Re: Open letter from Ohio clergy regarding September 9th, 2021 Executive Orders & Actions pertaining to COVID-19 experimental vaccines**

Dear President Biden,

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 jab 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 Hesed Agape Ministries  
Bishop Anthony Cooper, Shelby Life Church  
Pastor Christopher Replogle, 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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