To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Mendocino County in regards to the proposed order Dr. Coren had mentioned in the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Please let me preface this by stating, I have nothing against those who choose to receive a covid vaccination. I am very concerned about the county possibly mandating covid vaccinations for employees and patrons of any establishment. I plead you take a deep look at what this could do to our county. Consider the amount of business an establishment could lose, which would take money out of our county, along with the possibility of many businesses closing.

Businesses are already experiencing low staff levels and implementing such an order would decrease staff even further.

Our county residents have suffered enough with these shutdowns. We have seen a rise in depression, anxiety, and suicides/attempts. Please take our residents mental health into consideration.

In addition, I'd like to bring up the question of who would be liable if a staff member received a covid vaccination to stay employed and was then injured by that vaccination? With this requirement coming from the county, I would think they would have to be liable. Again, I am asking you to take a deeper look at what this could do to our community. Previous actions have already created such a divide, the segregation and discrimination that would take place with this new mandated vaccination order will only make it worse.

Thank you for your time.

A very concerned parent, Jodi Alcanter