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**Senator Hoagland**

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**A RESOLUTION**

To urge the President of the United States not to 1  
allow members of the United States Armed Forces 2  
to be punished or reprimanded in any way for 3  
refusing to submit to a COVID-19 vaccine. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The United States Secretary of Defense, with the 5  
endorsement of President Biden, is requiring members of the 6  
armed forces to submit to a COVID-19 vaccination that is fully 7  
approved by the Food and Drug Administration; and 8

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force is requiring active 9  
duty members to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by November 10  
2, 2021; and 11

WHEREAS, The United States Navy is requiring all members to 12  
be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by November 28, 2021, and 13  
all Navy Reserve members by December 28, 2021; and 14

WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps is requiring all 15  
active-duty members to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 16  
November 28, 2021, and all reservists by December 28, 2021; and 17

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force National Guard and Air 18  
Force Reserve are requiring members to be fully vaccinated 19  
against COVID-19 by December 2, 2021; and 20

WHEREAS, The United States Army is requiring all active- 21  
duty members to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by December 22  
15, 2021, and all National Guard members by June 30, 2022; and 23

WHEREAS, The United States Army released a statement 24  
detailing that soldiers who refuse to submit to a COVID-19 25  
vaccination "will first be counseled by their chain of command 26  
and medical providers" and "continued failure to comply could 27  
result in administrative or non-judicial punishment - to include 28  
relief of duties or discharge"; and 29

WHEREAS, The United States Army has further stated, 30  
"Commanders, command sergeants major, first sergeants and 31  
officers in Command Select List...positions who refuse to be 32  
vaccinated - and are not pending an exemption request - face 33  
suspension and relief if they refuse to comply"; and 34

WHEREAS, The United States Army has further stated, 35  
"Officers and noncommissioned officers who have been selected 36  
and are waiting to assume [Command Select List] command, key 37  
billet or nominative sergeant major positions...will likewise be 38  
subject to removal from the list for those assignments should 39  
they refuse to be vaccinated without a pending or approved 40  
exemption"; and 41

WHEREAS, Such reprimands can be career-ending, according to 42  
the United States Army; now therefore be it 43

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ohio Senate of the 44  
134th General Assembly, urge the President not to allow members 45  
of the United States Armed Forces to be punished or reprimanded 46  
in any way, including discharge, for refusing to submit to a 47  
COVID-19 vaccination; and be it further 48

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Ohio Senate transmit duly 49  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 50  
United States, the United States Secretary of Defense, all 51

members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media  
of Ohio.

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