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Dear Chancellor Gallagher,

I was one of the co-signers of the letter on Pitt Vaccination Policy. I signed that letter with a full confidence of a highly trained immunologist (PhD and postdoctoral training at Stanford University), founding chair of your immunology department, former President of the American Association of Immunologists (AAI) and Inaugural Fellow of AAI, and two-times elected Councilor of the International Union of Immunology Societies. I have been at Pitt since 1991 and have promoted the good Pitt name around the world.

I have been disappointed by my institution several times in the last 30 years and have questioned the wisdom of some of its decisions, but never more than now. Pitt's decision to not mandate a COVID vaccine is very wrong, and it offends me greatly. The scientific talent you and the other decision makers have at your disposal is considerable, but it does not appear to have been used to the benefit of our community. More than anything, we need to be a beacon of good information and teachers to our community. The current mandate that does not require vaccination is a betrayal of that role. I hope that you would reconsider.

I find it hard to believe that you personally support this decision. I hope our letters will help you deal with whatever pressure you might be feeling from others involved in the workings of our university.

I remain at your disposal as long as this situation persists.

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