

# U.S. Rep. Fitzgerald: Biden vaccine mandate is overreach of power

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**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, Congressman Scott Fitzgerald (WI-05) issued the following statement after President Biden finalized the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s (OSHA) mandate to require businesses with over 100 employees to vaccinate their workforce, submit employees to regular COVID-19 testing, or fire them.

*“A COVID-19 vaccine mandate should never be pushed on the American people, but President Biden couldn’t have picked a worse time to slap his mandate on job creators as we head into the holiday season—which depends on a robust workforce.” **said Congressman Fitzgerald.** “This mandate is burdensome and further exasperates the labor shortage created by President Biden’s anti-work policies. Our supply chain is stretched to the breaking point, inflation is rising, and now the President has heaped yet another burden on Wisconsin businesses. I hope the 60-day compliance period provides enough time for the courts to undo what is clearly a serious overreach by the federal government and President Biden.”*

## **BACKGROUND:**

On September 10, 2021, President Joe Biden announced that he had ordered the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to enact an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) rule that would require all businesses with more than 100 employees to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations or regular testing for their employees. **The rule is expected to affect nearly 100 million workers.**