

U.S. Rep. Fitzgerald: Statement on Supreme Court vaccine mandate decision

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WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Scott Fitzgerald (WI-05) issued the following statement after the Supreme Court of the United States released its decision to stay the Biden Administration’s vaccine mandate for businesses with over 100 employees.

“I am pleased to see the U.S. Supreme Court confirm what we’ve known all along—President Biden’s vaccine mandate on employers is an overburdensome and unconstitutional directive. The Supreme Court’s decision to stay this vaccine mandate provides assurance to Americans that they will not be fired for their personal decision on whether to get the vaccine, but we cannot let our guard down. While this ruling offers a momentary reprieve, I hope the lower courts take note and permanently strike down OSHA’s illegal vaccine rule. No American should ever be forced to decide between vaccination or termination.”

BACKGROUND:

On **December 17, 2021**, the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit lifted the Fifth Circuit’s stay of the Biden Administration’s vaccine mandate for large employers. The Department of Labor began enforcing the mandate on **January 10, 2022**.

Congressman Fitzgerald joined 178 of his Senate and U.S. House of Representatives Republican colleagues in [filing an amicus brief](#) to the U.S. Supreme Court in opposition to the Biden Administration’s vaccine mandate.

The Supreme Court of the United States heard oral arguments on **January 7, 2022**, on whether to issue an emergency stay of the vaccine mandate.