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Herrell, GOP Leaders, Cattle Growers to Governor: Let COVID-Negative Americans into State Fair

WASHINGTON-Rep. Yvette Herrell has sent a letter to New Mexico Governor Lujan Grisham requesting that individuals be allowed to attend the upcoming State Fair if they test negative for COVID. The letter was co-signed by James Townsend, Republican Leader of the New Mexico House of Representatives, Gregory Baca, Republican Leader of the New Mexico Senate, and Randell Major, President of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association.

To date, Governor Lujan Grisham has required that all State Fair attendees be vaccinated, blocking low-risk children and otherwise COVID-negative Americans who wish to attend.

"You have already imposed a mask mandate. Further imposing this vaccine mandate will prove unworkable for many who wish to enjoy our great state fair, which is a source of pride for all New Mexicans," reads the letter. "There are very few exemptions for your recent order. Many, especially children from rural areas, will likely be unable to receive their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine in time to participate in the fair. Additionally, the single-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine is not available to children under 18 at this time, nor is the Moderna vaccine."

"It is unreasonable and harsh to ask families to choose between unwanted medical

decisions and their child's hard work," said State Senator Baca. "Our rural families who work all year to show at the State Fair deserved to be included in this decision. The Governor's mandate is clearly not about health policy, since the majority of the events are outside. We urge the Governor: let kids be kids, let parents make the right decisions for their children, and let individuals exercise personal responsibility."

The full text of the letter may be found [here](#).