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## **Senator Gregg Schmedes Urges Governor to Reject Federal Vaccine Mandate**

SANTA FE – Yesterday, President Joe Biden issued a sweeping federal vaccine mandate for all employers with more than 100 employees. The mandate requires vaccination for all employees or weekly testing requirements for those who remain unvaccinated. In response, several governors have challenged the President’s action and some have signaled their intention to challenge the mandate in court.

**Senator Gregg Schmedes**, a licensed physician and the only practicing doctor in the New Mexico Legislature, issued the following statement urging Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham to join the growing opposition to the federal mandate.

“The hypocrisy and failures of the Biden Administration in their handling of this pandemic have sown distrust in the hearts and minds of too many Americans. Now that President Biden has shown he is willing to back down on his promise to not order federal vaccine mandates, we are waiting for Governor Lujan Grisham to stand firm in her convictions. The Governor has previously rejected the notion that anyone—[including the Legislature](#)—should have a say regarding her authority to unilaterally issue health mandates. It is now the Governor’s self-proclaimed responsibility to reject this mandate in order to preserve her alleged right to impose health mandates in New Mexico.”

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