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Agenda Item: Vaccination and General Immunization Necessity Act

Honorable Commissioners:

Before casting your vote on the proposal for mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians, please thoughtfully consider the unmitigated risk of un-vaccinated, direct-contact personnel on vulnerable elderly patients.

Often disregarded by media and forgotten by policymakers is the catastrophic effect on hospitalized and isolated COVID patients and their families.

My wife passed away from complications of multiple sclerosis two years ago this month. I am forever thankful that I was able to care for Darcie at home until the end. I cannot imagine the horrible grief that spouses have had to endure after losing their soulmates locked away in COVID isolation wards. Can you imagine it?

To use one of my wife's favorite sayings, I can only "hope and pray" that the parties to this policy proposal have, for a moment, imagined the isolation scenario and put themselves in that ghastly position.

It is incomprehensible to me that the Brevard County Firefighters Union and its members are opposing this reasonable vaccination proposal, especially given their oath of service as expressed in the first pledge of the following Code of Ethics and EMT Oath by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians:

"To conserve life, alleviate suffering, promote health, do no harm, and encourage the quality and equal availability of emergency medical care." (emphasis added)

It is incumbent upon you commissioners to make certain that our emergency medical personal, at first, *do no harm*.

Respectfully,

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