



# Tennessee State Senate

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The Honorable Randy McNally  
Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate  
425 Rep. John Lewis Way N.  
Suite 700 Cordell Hull Building  
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Dear Lt. Governor McNally,

As you are aware, our state and nation are in the midst of unprecedented times. Our citizens are facing new challenges daily as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and are looking to their elected officials for action.

In particular, I have received requests from a large number of Rutherford County residents expressing their concerns regarding the unconstitutional and inappropriate mandates announced last week by the federal government. Many have also expressed concerns regarding decisions made by local authorities in our state which, for example, have kept students out of school for lengthy periods of time or limited parents' control over their children's education and healthcare decisions. I share these concerns and believe that it is time that we take action as a state.

I firmly believe that it is up to the states to take a strong stand to aggressively push back against federal overreach. While the General Assembly has previously taken decisive action to prohibit government entities within our state from implementing vaccine passports, last week's actions by President Biden clearly demonstrate a lack of regard for personal liberty and longstanding constitutional principles.

I also believe that the General Assembly should be directly involved in policies impacting our public schools during this critical time.

I am hereby requesting that the legislature be called back into special session so that we can promptly address these and a number of other issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your service to our state. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of my request. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn".

Dawn White  
State Senator  
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