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NAGE FILES DEMAND to BARGAIN Regarding Baker Vaccine Mandate

NAGE has demanded to bargain with the state regarding Governor Baker's order that all Executive branch employees complete COVID vaccination by October 17, 2021. The Governor issued the order on August 19, 2021. NAGE representatives will commence bargaining with state officials on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

This order applies only to Executive branch employees.

As issued, the order provides for exemptions from the vaccine requirement only for medical reasons or religious beliefs. Employees who do not comply may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. However, as stated the Commonwealth has not yet met its bargaining obligation with NAGE and we intend to advocate to protect our member's individual rights in this matter.

NAGE will vigorously advocate for alternatives to mandatory vaccination, such as masking or testing, for NAGE members who do not want to undergo vaccination for anything other than medical or religious reasons. NAGE will also assist members who need paid time off to obtain the vaccinations. NAGE filed a request to extend the emergency paid COVID leave law, which now expires on September 30, 2021. Legislative Leadership responded yesterday that an extension to this is in the process.

While NAGE does encourage members to get vaccinated, it will vigorously defend any member who is disciplined for declining to comply with the Governor's vaccination order.

We will provide further updates in the coming days.

Please see National President David J. Holway's comments featured in the Boston Globe Article below:

Union Demands May Reshape Baker's COVID Vaccine Mandate

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- John F. Kennedy

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Federal law now requires that every local union file an annual information return—Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N—with the IRS. If your local fails to file under this new requirement.

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