

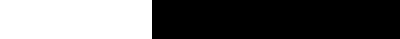



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Patrick X. Coyle, Jr.
Vice President
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via email: PCoyle@yaf.org



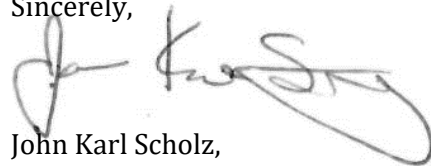
Dear Mr. Coyle, Jr., and 

Thank you for the message inquiring about exemptions to our indoor masking policy for the in-person speakers on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, in Shannon Hall on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.

With this communication, I respectfully am turning down this requested waiver for speakers whose voices can be amplified for the audience via microphones. We recognize that this creates some inconvenience, but it is consistent with the approach we've taken for our instructors and other public events, such as convocation, this semester. The only exemptions we are granting at the present time involve artistic performers whose performance itself would be impossible or significantly compromised with a mask.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,



John Karl Scholz,
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

cc: Mark Guthier, Director, Wisconsin Unions

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