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January 27, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

We heard your press announcement on Monday, in which you outlined your efforts to streamline and broaden COVID vaccine distribution, with deep interest. Among the various high-priority groups, you made particular mention of seniors and of the importance of administering vaccine to them as soon as possible and in the greatest possible numbers.

You committed yesterday to ensuring that vaccine goes to disproportionately impacted communities. El Dorado County has a per capita senior population well above California's as a whole, thus our eagerness to benefit from the State's plans to simplify and standardize vaccine delivery and speed the pace of vaccinations. More specifically, El Dorado County has a total population of approximately 190,000, more than 40,000 of whom are senior citizens, yet to date we have only received 16,700 doses of vaccines.

Our County's population is about four-tenths of the State's, yet we have to date received only about three-tenths of the State's vaccine allotment, averaging 2,800 doses per week. We are very proud to report that every dose received has been administered or scheduled to be. In addition, El Dorado County has the benefit of having a well-qualified cohort of public health nurses, hospital staff, paramedics and others standing by to administer vaccines to the senior population and those in Phase 1a and Phase 1b tier 1 as soon as the needed vaccines are available.

You have emphasized the importance of vaccine distribution in the State's dealings with the federal government. In that spirit, we ask and urge you to include El Dorado County among priority destinations for increased vaccine delivery in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Hidahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Hidahl".

Supervisor John Hidahl
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