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Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D.
Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Dear Director Walensky:

We write to raise serious concerns about reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is allocating COVID-19 vaccine doses to states and territories without regard to current state population data.

We understand CDC is making distribution decisions based on outdated data from 2018 that fails to account for Texas' recent population growth, including the fact that Texas added about 374,000 new residents in the one year period ending on July 1, 2020.

As a result, CDC has not provided Texas with vaccine doses sufficient to meet its needs, especially in comparison to other states. For example, as of late February 2021, Texas had the lowest per capita number of doses delivered when compared to the other states.

This is unacceptable.

We therefore urge CDC in the strongest possible terms to immediately rectify this problem and to use current population data when making future allocations of the COVID-19 vaccine to the states and territories.

We look forward to your prompt response and immediate correction of this problem.

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz
United States Senator



John Cornyn
United States Senator