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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

After learning two weeks ago that Montana was receiving one of the lowest per capita allocations of COVID-19 vaccine doses in the country, I wrote you to request an equitable vaccine supply from the federal government. Unfortunately, despite our continued efficiencies and success in administering doses, that request has not been met. I today again request an immediate increase in Montana's vaccine supply.

Montana has been successful consistently in getting shots into the arms of our most vulnerable. Montana ranks 16th and 22nd in the nation per capita for fully immunized individuals and first doses administered, respectively. This week, Montana administered 8,000 doses in one day, roughly half of our weekly federal supply of first doses. We are prepared to administer at least three times as many doses than our current allocation.

And yet, Montana's dose allocations have remained relatively low while allocations to other states, which do not share our success, have increased. I was also troubled to learn yesterday that Montana will not be included in the first phase of your administration's Federally Qualified Health Center Program for COVID-19 Vaccination.

We have answered your calls to efficiently administer the doses we receive. I now ask that you answer ours and send more COVID-19 vaccine doses to Montana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte".

Greg Gianforte  
Governor