

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

May 21, 2020

Dear President Trump:

As organizations committed to public health and, specifically, the crucial role of vaccines, we write to thank you for your recognition of the importance of a vaccine for COVID-19 and your commitment to mobilize resources for distribution once a vaccine exists. However, we are deeply concerned that the United States is not participating in the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT Accelerator), a global initiative designed to drive the development and availability of a COVID-19 vaccine and other tools to combat this deadly pandemic. Lack of U.S. government participation leaves U.S. patients without a voice in this global effort, and may ultimately delay access to a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. Global cooperation will be vital to the success of our response to this pandemic.

Wide availability of a safe and effective vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infection will be critical to allow our communities to safely resume many of the normal activities that are important components of both our economy and the fabric of our society. As we have seen with many other infectious diseases, vaccines are our most effective tools for preventing diseases, hospitalizations, and deaths. We urge you to effectively engage the international community and not jeopardize U.S. access to a COVID-19 vaccine.

Leveraging resources globally is an important strategy for speeding development and distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine, and a lack of participation on the part of the U.S. government may slow progress for all. Further, global availability of a vaccine will be essential, as infectious diseases do not respect national borders.

We thank you for your ongoing leadership during this pandemic and urge you to secure a seat at the table for the U.S. government in global vaccine efforts.

Sincerely,

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American Lung Association

American Public Health Association

California Immunization Coalition

Families Fighting Flu

Gerontological Society of America

Global Health Technologies Coalition

HIV Medicine Association

Idaho Immunization Coalition

Immunization Action Coalition

Immunize Nevada

Infectious Diseases Society of America

March of Dimes

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

National League for Nursing

National Meningitis Association

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner House Calls

Trust for America's Health

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