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Dear Dr. Redfield:

We are writing to respectfully request that the CDC offer an additional vaccine clinic at long-term care facilities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the *Long-Term Care Pharmacy Partnership Program*. This would contribute to the safety and wellbeing of our constituents who are residents and employees of long-term care facilities.

Long-term care facility employees have worked diligently to provide professional, high quality, compassionate care to vulnerable residents. Given the high vulnerability of the resident population, the announcement of FDA-approved vaccines offer hope to defeat this historic threat.

In the Commonwealth, long-term care facilities will be among the first recipients of the vaccine. As you can imagine, it will be a major undertaking to vaccinate 30,000 patients and 45,000 employees. In order to vaccinate as many of them as quickly and safely as possible, the Commonwealth has sought approval from the CDC for four (4) vaccine clinics at long-term care facilities across the state. However, it has come to our attention that – per CDC instructions – no more than three (3) vaccine clinics will be available at these facilities. A fourth vaccine clinic would allow providers to best manage and coordinate staff vaccinations across multiple shifts, avoid absences that may occur as a result of side effects associated with the vaccine, and properly stage and observe resident vaccinations.

As members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, we respectfully urge you to add an additional vaccine clinic for long-term care residents and employees as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your full consideration.

Sincerely,



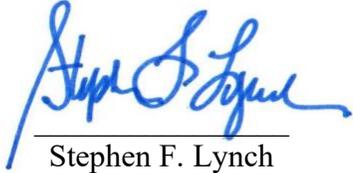
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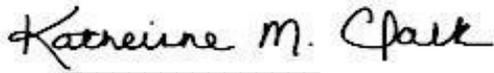
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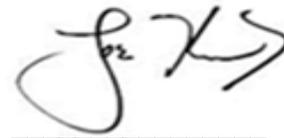


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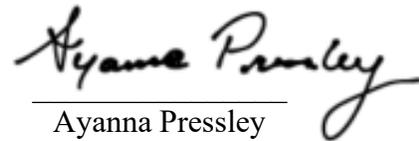


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