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Dr. Randall W. Williams  
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Dear Director Williams,

I am writing regarding Missouri's administration of the COVID-19 vaccines. Many constituents have contacted my office with concerns and confusion related to the state's vaccination plan. I am aware that Missouri has encountered challenges, and I understand that some of these challenges are outside of your control. I am hoping to get a better sense of the state's plan for effectively administering the vaccine.

Recent reports indicate that Missouri is among the worst performing states in the nation in terms of inoculating its population. Since each state has been given discretion for devising vaccine administration plans, it's important to understand in detail what Missouri's plan is, and your progress toward achieving it. It would also be valuable to learn how the state has interacted with national pharmacies, including CVS and Walgreens, to administer vaccines to vulnerable populations.

I stand ready to assist you in addressing any problems that the federal government might be equipped to resolve. My staff and I have been tracking the virus numbers daily, and I have spoken with hospital and health leaders across the state on a regular basis. I know that our staffs have also spoken multiple times about vaccine distribution. Given the latest developments, I would like to request a further briefing from you regarding Missouri's administration of the COVID-19 vaccines. It is my hope that you will be able to give me further insight into Missouri's plan to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your important work during this crisis.

Sincerely,



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