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Dear Dr. Yealy,

I want to thank you for the information provided and the questions answered during our virtual meeting last week. I commend you and your colleagues at UPMC for your tireless work to care for patients and administer the COVID-19 vaccine to healthcare workers, EMS, skilled nursing home patients and elderly community members.

Throughout my conversations and correspondence with constituents, medical professionals and the Department of Health, I have been repeatedly reminded of the priority which is to be given to Pennsylvanians who are at the greatest risk including residents 65 or older.

Representing a district where almost a quarter of residents are 65 or older, one would think that the north hills area of Allegheny County would be receiving vaccine allotments in an equal and consistent manner, in comparison to other municipalities in the county. This is not so. The north hills area is a vaccine desert and seniors in my district are suffering the consequences.

As UPMC has provided more than 153,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in the Southwest region of Pennsylvania, I want to bring to your attention the lack of access within my district in the northern suburbs of Allegheny County. I propose for your consideration that the UPMC Outpatient Center located at the intersection of State Route 8 and Mt. Royal Boulevard in Allison Park be utilized as a site for the administering of COVID-19 vaccines. This outpatient center is centrally located and already provides access to a broad range of UPMC medical services and experts, as stated on the UPMC website. Offering vaccines at the outpatient center would add a much-needed service to our community.

I appreciate your consideration of my request and look forward to working with you to bring access to the COVID-19 vaccine to my district.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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