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Doctor José R. Romero, MD, FAAP Chair, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
c/o Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H24-8 Atlanta, GA 30329-4027
Re: Docket No. CDC-2020-0121 - Phase 1B COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

Dear Chairperson Romero and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Michigan Air Conditioning Contractors of America (MIACCA), the leading association, in Michigan, serving heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) contractors. Our members have worked tirelessly since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic to keep several components of our State's critical infrastructure operational. They are responsible for designing, installing, and maintaining HVACR systems that protect our food supply chain, ensure modern medicine is possible, enable data centers to operate, and provide essential comfort and air quality needs to every home, healthcare facility, and office building in our state.

MIACCA appreciates the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) efforts in introducing the newly formed COVID-19 vaccine(s) to the American public. We support the proposed plan of prioritizing the first round of vaccine distribution to frontline healthcare workers and highest-risk populations and communities. We request that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) prioritize HVACR contractors and technicians under the Phase 1B distribution plans. As we continue to work in both residential and commercial settings where potential COVID-19 exposure is a constant threat.

As mentioned, HVACR professionals are needed to service the equipment that keeps our food supply chain, modern medicine systems, and data centers operational and providing comfort and air quality to businesses and residents of the United States. Access to COVID-19 vaccinations will protect the lives of our contractors along with the safety of their customers they interact with while providing these essential services. MIACCA members have taken the necessary steps to abide by COVID-19 related best practices as well as state and local orders and guidelines in regards to the workplace and extra sanitation measures on the job.

We believe that rapid access to COVID-19 vaccinations will benefit and provide extra measures of safety to our HVAC members and their customers and appreciate your consideration in our request. Please feel free to contact me at mjdsmith@miacca.org with any questions you may have.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.J. D'Smith', written in a cursive style.

M.J. D'Smith

Executive Director