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Executive Vice President

December 1, 2020

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
C/o ATTN: November 21, 2020 ACIP Meeting
1600 Clifton Road N.E., MS H24-8
Atlanta, GA 30329-4027

RE: Docket No. CDC-2020-0121

Members of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices:

On behalf of the American Trucking Associations—the largest and most comprehensive trade association representing America’s trucking industry—I am writing to ask for your assistance to ensure that trucks are able to continue to safely deliver medicine, food, fuel, water and other basic necessities in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our workforce represents a central and critical link in the nation’s supply chain, and will play an essential role in the imminent COVID-19 vaccine distribution process. As the trucking industry is called upon to deliver vaccines across the country, it is imperative that truck drivers have prioritized access to the vaccine to minimize the potential for supply chain delays and disruptions.

In March, the Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) classified truck drivers as essential to the continued viability of our nation’s infrastructure for the duration of the pandemic. The basis of that designation is rooted in the fact that trucking is the backbone of the domestic supply chain, *with more than 80% of U.S. communities relying exclusively on trucks for their freight transportation needs.*

Just as efforts were necessary to support prioritized distribution of PPE to the dedicated professionals who ensure the continuity of our nation’s supply chain, we must now focus our efforts to ensure that these same critical infrastructure workers have prioritized access to the COVID-19 vaccine as it becomes available. CISA’s *Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce* affirms this position and recommends that the list “be used to begin planning and preparing for the allocation of scarce resources used to protect essential workers against COVID-19.”

Our nation’s ability to successfully confront the COVID-19 pandemic depends on the resilience and integrity of our transportation networks. The trucking industry is proud to play an outsized role in COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, and we ask that you consider the essential nature of the trucking workforce as you implement plans for vaccine distribution. As we saw at the outset of the pandemic, when supply lines are disrupted, consequences are fast to follow.

Thank you for your support during these challenging and unprecedented times.

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Governor Andrew Cuomo
Chair
National Governors Associations
444 North Capitol Street, Suite 267
Washington, D.C. 20001

Governor Asa Hutchinson
Vice Chair
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444 North Capitol Street, Suite 267
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Dear Governors Cuomo and Hutchinson:

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear President-elect Biden,

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President Donald J. Trump
Vice President Mike Pence
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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