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December 7, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dr. Brian P. Monahan  
The Attending Physician  
Congress of The United States  
Washington, DC 20515

Dr. José R. Romero  
Chair Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Dr. Monahan, and Dr. Romero,

Thank you for your steadfast leadership during the pandemic and the economic crisis.

As you know, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will determine prioritizations of vaccine administration. I write today to urge that the Office of the Attending Physician and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices refrain from disbursing or recommending disbursing the COVID-19 vaccine to Members of Congress until after all first responders, frontline workers, healthcare workers, those with preexisting conditions, and the elderly have been offered the vaccine first, with the exception of Members of Congress in a vulnerable age group or with preexisting conditions. Over the past nine months, our nation has been gravely impacted by the pandemic, and yet many Americans have continued to carry out their duties under difficult and risky circumstances to keep our country running as smoothly as possible despite being the most at risk and putting their lives on the line.

Ensuring the vaccine goes to these groups first is the right thing to do from a moral, public health, and economic perspective. It allows frontline and healthcare workers to reduce transmission of the virus between groups that have high exposure to the public, it saves the lives of our most vulnerable populations, including those with preexisting conditions and the elderly, and it will allow us to get our economy back up and running.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for prioritizing the Americans who need this vaccine the most and putting them ahead of Members of Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Ryan".

Tim Ryan  
Member of Congress