

## Progressive Therapy Alternatives, Inc.

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1560 Henthorne Drive Maumee, Ohio 43537

September 10, 2021

The Honorable Bob Latta  
2467 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Latta:

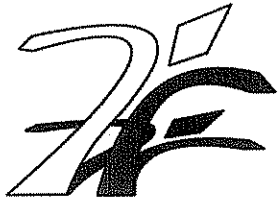
My name is Darrell Alt and I am the owner of Progressive Therapy Alternatives based out of Maumee, Ohio. Our organization provides Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology services in our 6 outpatient centers, as well as providing those same services through contractual arrangements with several home health organizations, providing In-Home therapy care, covering a 6-county geographic area in Northwest Ohio. Progressive Therapy employs approximately 70 associates.

This letter is being written to express my concerns related to President Biden's new policy mandating vaccinations for all health care organizations who receive federal Medicare/Medicaid funding.

My specific concerns are as follows:

- This mandate will reduce our workforce and our ability to service our patients as we estimate that 30- 40% of our therapists will choose to not receive the vaccine and resign from our company.
  - Our capacity to treat patients who are homebound and unable to leave their home for medical care will be limited given that over 85% of these patients are funded by the Medicare and Medicaid program. This includes patients suffering from COVID, post surgery and other medical conditions. This can lead to a higher incidence of re-hospitalizations, sub-optimal clinical outcomes and longer debilitation periods.
  - Our out-patient clinic treatment capacity will also be reduced. Two out of our six locations are in rural towns with an aging population with less than 1,000 residents . Given that we are treating a high percentage of Medicare and Medicaid patients in these locations, the residents will now have to travel a considerable distance for therapy services or experience a longer wait time for services if we were to opt out of the Medicare and Medicaid program due to this mandate.

Our workforce, like many in other healthcare organizations, have already provided courageous and exceptional service over the past 17 months! I am truly humbled by their dedication and service!



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I am also profoundly concerned of the negative impact this mandate will have on our remaining vaccinated staff and our ability to service patients unless it is either rescinded and/or provides for accommodations to be waived due to religious, medical reasons and/or due to individuals exercising their right to refuse the vaccine.

If any additional information and comments regarding this topic would be constructive to altering this course of action initiated by the Biden administration, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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President

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