

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 24, 2021

Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D.  
Director  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
1600 Clifton Road – Mailstop E-92  
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Dear Director Walensky:

We, the members of the Texas Bipartisan Congressional Delegation, write to you regarding the formula for vaccine distribution utilized by the CDC last year, which has been determined to have disadvantaged Texas by relying on the 2018 Census population data instead of more current information. We respectfully request that the vaccine distribution formula be corrected so that the most recent census data is used to ensure that the correct doses of vaccines are delivered to the state of Texas.

We bring to your attention the fact that between 2000 and 2010, the population of Texas grew by 4.3 million people, and an additional 3.1 million were added between 2010 and 2018 resulting in a state population of 27,885,195 at the end of 2018. In 2020, according to the U.S. Bureau of Census, Texas topped all states in the nation with respect to population growth, with a population of 29,360,759, an increase of 14.1 percent and the greatest percentage increase anywhere in the nation.

Texas has seen tremendous growth over the last decade which continued into 2020. In one year, the state added nearly 374,000 residents between July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020. So, to the extent that population is the leading factor governing the distribution of vaccines to states and territories, it is important that the CDC use the most current information available.

We respectfully request that the process for determining vaccine distribution be changed to reflect the current population in the state of Texas. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Congresswoman Jackson Lee through Lillie Coney, at [Lillie.Coney@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lillie.Coney@mail.house.gov) or by telephone at (202)-870-6429 or Congressman Van Taylor through Danny Smith at [Danny.Smith@mail.house.gov](mailto:Danny.Smith@mail.house.gov), or by telephone at 202-225-4201.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



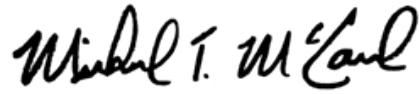
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