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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor
State of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
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Dear Governor Abbott,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you and your staff for your diligent work in administering over 4 million vaccine doses in the state of Texas.

I write today to urge you to supply the City of Schertz Emergency Management Services (EMS) with enough COVID-19 vaccine doses to serve as a hub vaccine provider as supply becomes increasingly predictable. The City of Schertz, and residents in surrounding areas, would benefit immensely from receiving consistent amounts of the vaccine. The city has the capacity and staff necessary to administer a minimum of 1,000 vaccines per day. The City of Schertz EMS has already provided vaccines to residents from Bexar, Travis, Harris, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties, and increasing their vaccine allocations will benefit many Central Texans.

Though there are two vaccine hubs in Travis County, one in Hays County, and three in Bexar County, their primary focus is not providing the COVID-19 vaccine to Guadalupe County residents. The two hubs in Travis County are over an hour drive for many of the people who would and have been making use of the City of Schertz EMS to get their vaccine. Bexar County is currently focused on distributing the COVID-19 vaccine to over two million San Antonians in Bexar County, while Hays receives less than 2,000 doses per week for their own residents.

Allocating these resources to the City of Schertz EMS would support vaccine providers in surrounding counties while also providing aid and relief to the rural communities in Guadalupe County. With the proper amount of vaccines, the City of Schertz EMS can serve as a hub. This designation will enable us to vaccinate Texans more effectively and efficiently so we may overcome COVID-19. I thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Vicente Gonzalez
Member of Congress