

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

February 5, 2021

The Honorable Robert J. Fenton, Jr.  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Mr. Fenton:

As members of Arizona's federal delegation, we write to support a recent request made by the state of Arizona for an emergency infusion of 300,000 vaccine doses and an increase of 300,000 doses weekly from the state's federal allotment. It is our understanding that Arizona Governor Doug Ducey and Arizona Department of Health Services Director Dr. Cara Christ submitted a request for additional vaccine doses, and that the request was denied.

Arizona is home to a disproportionately large number of at-risk populations including seniors, snowbird populations, and critical workers that include federal employees along the southern border. Even while health care facilities stand ready to vaccinate thousands a day, they cannot access the vaccine doses needed to meet the demand.

Arizonans in Phases 1A and 1B groups must wait hours online or by phone to secure even their first appointments. The state has opened two mass-vaccination sites in Maricopa County that have helped increase Arizona's vaccination rates. One site administers up to 6,000 vaccines per day. While the other site is capable of administering just as many vaccines, the number of available doses only allows for 500 vaccines per day. The ability to increase the number of vaccines administered at these sites, or to open additional large sites in other areas of Arizona, is limited only by vaccine availability.

Given the impact of the virus on our state, and the readiness of Arizona to efficiently allocate any additional doses we receive, we ask that Arizona's request for an immediate 300,000 vaccine doses and a 300,000 dose increase in our weekly allocations be granted. Thank you and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Debbie Lesko  
Member of Congress



Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.  
Member of Congress



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Andy Biggs  
Member of Congress



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David Schweikert  
Member of Congress