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To: All Governors in the United States

RE: Prioritizing the COVID-19 vaccine for meat processors

On behalf of the members of the American Association of Meat Processors, North America's largest meat trade organization, I am requesting that the workers within the meat and poultry industry be given priority during the phase 1b distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Meat processing workers are considered essential as they have been on the frontlines to ensure that the American food chain supply has gone uninterrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The challenges faced by the industry in the early stages of the pandemic were unforeseen. Our members, along with meat processors across the country, stood in the gap and met those challenges head-on. By prioritizing these workers as part of the phase 1b vaccination process, we can work together to support an essential workforce and continue to ensure a secure food supply chain for all Americans.

We remain committed to educating our members on the importance of receiving the vaccine as a part of their health and safety while working in the industry. Their continued health and safety are of the utmost importance to ensuring that Americans will continue to have access to meat and poultry as a part of a healthy balanced diet.

We need strong action from you, our elected leaders, to help protect these workers. Please reach out to our association if you have any questions or need assistance with information campaigns and materials that support vaccination goals in your state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher J. Young".

Christopher J. Young
Executive Director
American Association of Meat Processors