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Chairs Pan and Burke Harris,

The undersigned organizations represent the California trucking industry's labor and management interests. Truck drivers and warehouse/logistics workers have been on the frontline of the nation's pandemic response. This month, we were proud to see our industry hauling the first doses of the Coronavirus vaccine around the country, providing many Americans with a sense of hope and optimism that better days are ahead.

While essential healthcare workers and first responders are deservedly being prioritized for the first phase of vaccination, we hope it goes without saying that the very truck drivers carrying the vaccine across the country and the logistics workers ensuring safe storage and distribution should be among the first non-healthcare, non-first responders, to receive the vaccine.

Thank you for your consideration and we stand ready to assist your Advisory Committee in any way we can. Please feel free to contact Shawn Yadon (syadon@caltrux.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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