

January 5, 2021

California Department of Public Health
Attn: Community Vaccine Advisory Committee
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Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

Members of the Community Vaccine Advisory Committee:

We send this letter as a coalition of cannabis operators and industry partners. We would like to commend you for ensuring that every Californian has a voice in this process. History will remember your efforts to make vaccine distribution equitable and fair.

On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing all residents to stay home except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors in order to protect public health and well-being. At that time, the cannabis industry and its workers were deemed essential, including production, distribution, testing, and dispensing.

Over the course of the last nine months, industry workers have been providing essential medicine to thousands of Californians every day. Despite numerous health and safety measures instituted at great expense by employers, this work has been done with inherent risk. Some dispensaries in the state see more than 1,000 patients a day and these individuals are often the most at risk with large portions of their customer base being the immune compromised and elderly.

As the state and local health departments determine who should be next in line to receive COVID-19 vaccinations, we implore decision makers to include the cannabis essential workforce under Phase 1B, Tier One of the rollout. Clarifying that this includes cannabis workers would assure our patients and staff that they are being protected.

The health and safety of those who have worked throughout this global pandemic depend on your swift action. Thank you for your consideration.

Signed,

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Metta Distribution and
Transportation
Fireworx Farms
Dark Heart Nursery
NorCal Cannabis Company
Loudpack
Vet CBD

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Lucky Box Club
Mary's Medicinals
Megan's Organic Market
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