



September 21, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your leadership in convening a virtual Global COVID-19 Summit this week to rally world leaders to vaccinate the world, save lives, and invest in pandemic preparedness. The success of the Summit's action plan couldn't be more timely for saving lives and boosting America's health and economic recovery. We cannot defeat a global pandemic without a **global** response. As long as the virus is anywhere, no one is safe.

We fully endorse the imperative that at least 70% of the world's population be fully vaccinated in all countries by next year's UN General Assembly. As the dangerous Delta variant has demonstrated, leaving large portions of the world's population unvaccinated exposes the world and our own population to the growth of further variants. A coalition of international organizations recently warned that the proliferation of COVID-19 variants in Africa, stemming from low rates of vaccination on the continent, could lead to vaccine-evading mutations that degrade efforts to end the pandemic.

To achieve this target, America must lead, and our allies must step up. This will require more than just words, but a true commitment to the necessary resources and tools to ensure **vaccine readiness and delivery** to get shots into arms. We support new financing to close critical gaps in the global COVID-19 response. As business and development community experts with global operating networks, supply chain expertise, and last mile global health programs, we stand ready to help with ideas, innovations, and technical and manufacturing assistance.

It would be shortsighted to only address the immediate crisis, and we couldn't agree more on the urgency to invest in strengthening global health infrastructure to prevent and combat future outbreaks. We are grateful for both your proposals and for those on Capitol Hill offering a path for long term investments in global pandemic preparedness.

America's leadership on the global response to COVID-19 is essential for our health and economic well-being. We thank you for taking this important step forward with this week's Global Summit and stand with you in support of the Summit's important targets. We look forward to working in close collaboration with your Administration in ending this pandemic.

Sincerely,

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