Name, Title

Organization

Address

City, State Zip Code

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

On behalf of the Ohio Public Transit Association and {transit system}, thank you for all your efforts to help contain the coronavirus and keep our residents safe and healthy. We are heartened by the news of a vaccine and urge you to include public transportation workers in phase one of {state or city’s} vaccine distribution plan.

Since the early days of the pandemic, public transportation has played a critical role in transporting essential frontline workers to their jobs in health care, education, utilities and grocery stores. At {Transit system name} our employees have been heroes moving heroes. Public transit workers have worked throughout the pandemic to move our community and to help our economy recover.

The American Public Transportation Association has worked with national health and safety organizations and public transit workers have been designated as essential workers at the national level. {link to APTA website}.

On December 3, the advisory group for the Centers for Disease Control recommended that essential workers be included in the second priority group after health care workers. In addition, transit workers have been designated by the Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (DHS/CISA) as Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers, whose performance of critical functions places them at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 infection.

Public transit service will be even more critical to the recovery of our {communities } as people return to work and the lives they desire. Public transit is essential for our community to survive and thrive.

We also want you to know that {transit system} is here to help in any way to facilitate the vaccine distribution and get residents to vaccination sites.

 If you have any questions, please contact me at {email and phone}

Thank you again for all your efforts and support of Public Transit.

Regards,

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