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Karen Timberlake, Secretary
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Via email at: Karen.Timberlake@dhs.wisconsin.gov

RE: Appreciation for responsiveness for people with chronic conditions

Dear Secretary Timberlake,

Thank you for the Department's responsiveness to the concerns of Disability Rights Wisconsin regarding persons who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines. DHS's action to create an earlier start date for the group of people with chronic medical conditions, and specifically naming those with intellectual disabilities, is encouraging. We know that with many competing demands these decisions are not easy, and we appreciate you reprioritizing a population of people who seemed to be quickly moving to the bottom of a lengthening list.

We know there are many very stressed individuals and families in Wisconsin who will be reassured by and grateful for this announcement.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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