

From: [Sarah Hurley](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:51:03 AM

Dear Committee Member,

Next time you collect your grocery items, think about this decision. Have you once gone without food during this time? No. Why? Because the grocery industry has gone above and beyond to make sure you have access to food and other items you need.

Shame on you.

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Sincerely ,
Sarah Hurley



From: [Priscilla Camilli](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee/phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:45:50 AM

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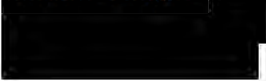
I recommend ages 70 and up.
People in Family Care and IRIS
Teachers
Serious medical conditions
Grocery store workers, truck drivers
Prisoners and prison staff

From: [Sandra Yaeger](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:42:51 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. My son is a cashier at a food store. People are very close to him during his whole working shift. He is at risk every time he works in getting covid. Please protect the health of the workers who have to work, so others can get food and other essentials. You would also be preventing the workers from bringing Covid back to their families and friends. These people are essential workers by definition.

Sincerely,
Sandra Yaeger



From: [Sarah Eisentraut](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:42:35 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing as an over 15 year employee of Sendiks Food Market. Last March, after experiencing the loss of my Father, I came back from my bereavement leave- to literal mass chaos at my store in Grafton, WI. As a Cheese Department manager, the affect on my department was not as huge as in other areas of the store. Our online shopping platform- "Sendiks Express" had quadrupled in orders, which required additional shoppers, which is where I stepped in, shopping 20-25 orders a day myself just to keep up, as well as managing my own department, and then also stepping up front to cashier when needed. To put grocery store employee's on the "general public" vaccine list, is not only insulting, but its down right wrong. Every single one of us in this industry, gave our all, in the most uncertain time I have ever been a part of. Allowing us to be in Tier 1b, is not only our right, but it is what is right. All of us in this industry have been on the front lines, making sure the shelves were stocked and that customers were taken care of. Now it's time for us to be protected.

Sincerely ,
Sarah Eisentraut



From: [Emily Schnaare](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:40:30 AM

Dear Committee Member,

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Sincerely,
Emily Schnaare



From: [Brian Downing](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:34:31 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

We in the grocery industry have been on the front lines throughout this entire ordeal. Grocery stores needed to stay open during the pandemic to provide basic needs for the general population. We have personally experienced many hardships such as loss of staff at several points since march. Adding our group to the 1B rollout not only makes sense but is also necessary for our industry to remain productive and keep our doors open.

Sincerely ,
Brian Downing



From: [Alayne Gardner-Carimi](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:31:29 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am thankful that the grocery stores stayed opened during the pandemic at significant risks to themselves and their employees. They adapted to meet the needs of their customers. This allowed us, your constituents, to buy food for ourselves and our community. Continuation of this “luxury” rests squarely on the shoulders of the grocers. They deserve to receive a higher ranking in receiving COVID vaccination (should they desire). With a COVID death toll of over 30K in the last TWO weeks and higher infection rate than ever, the ability for your public to purchase food soon may also be impacted.

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Sincerely ,
Alayne Gardner-Carimi



From: [Tim Metcalfe](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee and Phase 1B - Grocery Employees Re-Consideration
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:29:13 AM

Dear SDMAC Vaccine Subcommittee Members:

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

When the Wisconsin's Safer at Home order went into effect back in March 2020, the Governor emphasized the imminent threat of COVID 19, the pandemic to all our Wisconsin citizens...

"Wisconsin, this is serious, the crisis is urgent. It's not safe to go out, it's not safe to have others over — it's just not safe. And it might not be safe for a while yet"

Honestly, we were all scared, but at that point all of us, Essential Businesses and Critical Infrastructure Workers, had a job to do, and that was to take care of our community and ourselves as we went to war against this unseen enemy.

I am proud of the bravery our over 500 team members here at Metcalfe's Market had, along with all the other Essential and Critical Infrastructure Workers across our state, that put their own person lives on the line along with those that they love, as we pressed on to service this community during a raging pandemic.

Grocery workers have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic and are as critical to our food supply as farmers. While our company takes every safety precaution possible for our team, the reality is that this team has been exposed to members of the public every day and put at increased risk of infection for nearly a year now. Even with capacity limits in place, our team of 150 – 200 employees are exposed to 2,500-3,500 customers each & every day at each of our (3) locations. Very few other Essential businesses have this type of daily public interaction during the current Community Spread stage of COVID 19 that we find ourselves in here in Wisconsin.

Grocery workers do not have the opportunity to do their jobs from home. When their role in our community requires them to be at their workplace day in & day out. It has been stressful for many of them to come to work every day, but they have endured and continued to provide a way for families in our community to have food on their tables.

Please allow this group who serve such a vital need in our community access to the COVID19 vaccine as early as possible and do not move them to group 1C.

Sincerely,

Tim Metcalfe
President
Metcalfe's Market
726 N Midvale Blvd
Madison, WI 53705
(608) 345-2220 (c)

From: [Erin Wilkes](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Consider including GROCERY WORKERS and 65YO plus in next phase
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:28:05 AM

please consider:

grocery workers have most exposure in the community! include them in 1B
also, be consistent with CDC vs ACIP, and include 65YO+

From: [Lillian Rutowski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:24:49 AM

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yeah

Sincerely ,
Lillian Rutowski



From: [Megan Houpt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:15:46 AM

Dear Committee Member,

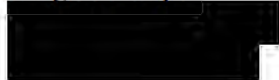
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Sincerely,
Megan Houpt



From: [Dawn Adamson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:15:28 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. I have already had COVID and DO NOT WANT TO GET AGAIN!! Especially since I take care of a 92 year old mother who cannot get this virus as it would kill her.

Sincerely ,
Dawn Adamson



From: [timothy hannan](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:13:35 AM

Dear Committee Member,

My Name is Tim Hannan.

I have been "on the front line" since Day one of the Pandemic. My Wife is working from home and my daughter is schooling from home.

Everyday i leave the house and come home, i am putting them at risk... No matter how diligent i am throughout the day.

if i am ultimately not protected, neither are they. Essentially cancelling out the "Stay home, Stay safe initiative"

So, i am joining the cause & am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Sincerely ,
timothy hannan

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From: [Jason Dulinsky](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:11:24 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. As you know food retailers provide possibly the most basic essential service and have been exposed to COVID as much and like more than anyone except health care workers. Please help us to continue to feed our people.

Sincerely ,
Jason Dulinsky



From: [Michael Kosmider](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:59:36 AM

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Sincerely,
VID-19 vaccinations.

Sincerely ,
Michael Kosmider



From: [Cates, Lisa A - DHS](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: FW: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:56:42 AM

From: Margaret Berray <Margaret.Berray.405482179@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Palm, Andrea J - DHS <andrea.palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B

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Sincerely ,
Margaret Berray



From: [Fred Worrell](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee and Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:45:43 AM
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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your service to our county. I am writing to respectfully request consideration of cleaning and chemical products manufacturers and distributors to be included in Waukesha County's Phase 1B Covid -19 Vaccination plans.

Essential Industries, Inc. (the company name, not a designation) located in Merton, WI, and its distributor customers and partners, manufacture and distribute Disinfectant and Cleaning products that are used primarily in schools, retirement homes, hospitals, extended care facilities and grocery stores throughout Wisconsin and across the United States.

Our disinfectant products have kill claims for emerging pathogens and recently were granted kill claims specific to the SARS COV-2 virus and are vital to the maintenance of safe public spaces and the health of the people within them. Our cleaning products are specifically designed to dissolve and remove soil from surfaces, which is critical prior to disinfection, because disinfectants are not effective when applied to soiled surfaces.

We believe our business and our employees are essential to the maintenance of public health and safety now more than ever, as infections in the United States and around the globe skyrocket. I am concerned that should infection rates continue to rise and should an outbreak occur in our facility, we could be rendered unable to supply disinfectant and cleaning products at a time when our customers need them most.

Our products cannot reach their end users without our valued distribution partners. Their ability to ensure the timely and continued supply of these important products is vital. I would ask that they be included in your consideration for vaccination in Phase 1B as well.

I would be happy to answer any questions the sub-committee may have. I can be reached at this email address or on my cell phone (24x7). 608-438-1862.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I wish all of you, your families and colleagues continued good health and safety.

Respectfully,

Fred Worrell

Fred Worrell

President and Chief Executive Officer
Essential Industries, Inc.
Direct: (262) 528-4036



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From: [Nick Hansen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:42:08 AM

Dear Committee Member,

Governor

Our employees gone over and above taking care of the needs of our communities while putting their health on the line. Repay these hard working people in the 1B class of vaccinations. Our employees are extremely exposed to this virus and need to put as a priority. Please follow the CDCs guidelines and include grocery employees. Our company has 400 frontline employees that need to be rewarded, they don't have the option to work from home.

Nick Hansen
Hansen's IGA

Sincerely ,
Nick Hansen



From: [Brian Berndt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: 1B Plan
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:41:15 AM

Hello and I am writing to extend my support of manufacturing workers being included in early stages of 1B vaccinations. Wisconsin has a very large print industry that manufactures food and medical labels and pouches. The amount of products produced in this state that end up on grocery store and pharmacy shelves is something we can be proud of. Since the day the virus started, like many other front line workers, we have showed up to work in person. Being in such close proximity with others at times, it can be hard to socially distance.

Thank You for the Consideration

Brian Berndt
West Allis

From: [Jason Culotta](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:39:39 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Joint Request Inclusion of Food and Ag In Phase 1B Vaccines 01.15.21-FINAL.pdf](#)

Please see the attached joint letter on the draft recommendations for Wisconsin vaccine priority Group 1b.

Thank you,
Jason

Jason Culotta
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Midwest Food Products Association
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VIA EMAIL ONLY TO DHSSDMAC@dhs.wisconsin.gov

January 15, 2021

Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm
Department of Health Services
1 W. Wilson St.
Madison, WI 53707

RE: SMDAC Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee Recommendations for the Wisconsin DHS for COVID-19 Vaccine Priority Group 1b

Dear Secretary-Designee Palm and Members of the Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee:

Our undersigned organizations represent much of Wisconsin's food and agriculture industry. Collectively, we represent thousands of Wisconsin farmers, farm workers, farm service and supply workers and food processing workers. We greatly appreciate your leadership in helping navigate the state through the greatest public health crisis of the past century, but the next stage of addressing the crisis is distribution of the vaccine. We were very troubled by the recommendation made by the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC) Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee to exclude food and agriculture workers from Phase 1b of the COVID-19 vaccine allocation.

Since the SDMAC recommendations were issued on Tuesday, the federal government announced a dramatic change in the disbursement of significant amounts of the vaccine which had been held in reserve. The limited number of doses the state was previously slated to receive certainly influenced the recommendations of the SDMAC.

Given the anticipated release of the additional vaccines, the addition of more essential workers such as those in food and ag to the 1b distribution should now be viable.

Food production and agricultural workers are critical to providing and maintaining the food supply that Wisconsin, the nation, and so many countries beyond rely on. Administering the vaccine is essential to this workforce is essential for these industries to continue feeding American families.

Our industry has worked hard to protect our workers and ensure that they are safe while keeping Wisconsin's food supply chain operational and uninterrupted throughout the pandemic. Farm and food production workers have a documented increased risk of acquiring infection because of their increased exposure to SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19).

Our workforce has an increased risk of transmitting disease to others because they work in close proximity to each other and, in some agricultural settings, they live together in communal housing and travel to work using shared transportation. The demographics of this workforce also highlights that a significant percentage of the population has a limited ability to miss work and a greater risk of financial hardship if they do miss work.^[1]

Accordingly, **we ask that the Department include food and agriculture workers in Wisconsin's Phase 1b designation.**

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter.

AgCountry Farm Credit Services
Compeer Financial
Cooperative Network
Dairy Business Association
GrassWorks
GreenStone Farm Credit Services
GROWMARK, Inc
Midwest Food Products Association
Midwest South Eastern Equipment Dealers Association
Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin
Syngenta Crop Protection LLC
Wisconsin Agri-Business Association
Wisconsin Association of Professional Agricultural Consultants
Wisconsin Beverage Association
Wisconsin BioFuels Association
Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association
Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association
Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation
Wisconsin Farmers Union
Wisconsin Pork Association
Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association
Wisconsin Soybean Association
Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association

[1] Atriga, Samantha and Matthew Rae, *The COVID-19 Outbreak and Food Production Workers: Who is at Risk?*, Kaiser Family Foundation, June 3, 2020 (<https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/the-covid-19-outbreak-and-food-production-workers-who-is-at-risk/>)

From: [Amber Wierzba](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:34:59 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. Working with the public every day has put our team members at higher risk of contracting the virus while they supply much needed supplies to the general public. This move will help to ensure that staffing is available to keep our stores clean, disinfected and able to provide groceries to the small communities that we serve. Everyone would benefit from this move.

Sincerely,
Amber Wierzba



From: [Laura Temke](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:31:26 AM

Dear Committee Member,

After 15 years in local public health, a public health degree and vast knowledge of viruses, vaccination, and risk. I can say, with complete certainty, it is critical that we protect our front line workers, including those in grocery. One of the 10 essential public health services is "assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy." Providing vaccine as quickly as possible and in alignment with the CDC to grocery workers is vital to the health of workers like myself who face the public 14 hours a day, 7 days a week with no ability to work from home. We work in the most public place and see thousands of people each day. The risk is high, inherent, and unavoidable.

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Sincerely,
Laura Temke



From: [Noah Durlam](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:17:47 AM

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From: [Gregory Hansen](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:17:42 AM

Dear Committee Member,

The Grocery industry has been serving its communities through out this pandemic and would like you to re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Thanks

Greg Hansen

Sincerely ,
Gregory Hansen

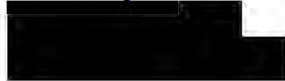


From: [James Flynt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:06:59 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. While members of the Sendik's team always wear masks, practice safe distancing and wash our hands regularly we frequently encounter customers who choose NOT to follow those guidelines. Those actions put me and others at risk each and every day. In asking that all the workers who are involved in food supply be added to the list of eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccination I realize that there needs to be prioritization given for those most at risk; the elderly and those who care for them, those who serve the public in law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs and the like. There are probably very few, like us, who face hundreds and thousands of individuals each and every week in our attempt to provide food and household necessities for our clientele. Please consider adding us to the next group of recipients of the Vaccine. All other States in our United States are in the process of following the CDC's recommendations including the essential nature of Food Supply Employees. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely ,
James Flynt



From: [Ethan Masarik](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:03:02 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

While I myself as a young adult am not a member of an at risk community for COVID-19, I am asking you to consider vaccinating my coworkers who are in older age brackets. Grocery store workers have proven their essential status time and time again throughout this pandemic. Many find themselves in a precarious situation: exposed to COVID on the daily, but not in the age group with priority access. Please reconsider adding at least older grocery store workers to the priority list for vaccination.

Sincerely ,
Ethan Masarik



JANUARY 14, 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM AN ESSENTIAL WORKER.

I WORK FOR WOODMAN'S FOOD MARKETS AND HAVE WORKED THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PANDEMIC, IN A TIME OF NEED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I HAVE WORKED HARD TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ENSURING THEY STILL HAVE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO SURVIVE IN A STATE OF UNKNOWN. I WORKED HARD TO SERVE OUR GUESTS, WITHOUT HESITATION.

IT HAS BEEN SCARY. WHEN EVERYONE ELSE HAS SHELTERED AT HOME, I STILL CAME AND CONTINUE TO COME TO WORK.

BUT NOW I AM TOLD I AM NOT AN ESSENTIAL WORKER. ALL OF MY HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE OF MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND MY LOVED ONES MEANS NOTHING. I AM NO LONGER A PRIORITY TO RECEIVE A VACCINE.

THIS IS NOT FAIR. WHY SHOULD I CONTINUE TO PUT MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND MY LOVED ~~ONES HEALTH~~ ON THE LINE WITHOUT PROTECTION?

AM I NO LONGER THE HERO YOU REFERRED TO ME AS BEFORE? I COME IN CONTACT WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EVERY DAY AND WEEK TO ENSURE THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIAL NEEDS. HOW AM I NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A "PUBLIC FACING ESSENTIAL WORKER"? PLEASE TELL ME AS I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

I ASK YOU RECONSIDER YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND PRIORITIZE ALL OF THE "HEROES" WHO HAVE WORKED HARD IN UNKNOWN AND SCARY TIMES TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES IN THEIR ESSENTIAL NEEDS.

I AM AN ESSENTIAL WORKER.

SIGNED, *Richard Wever* 91734

From: [Keith Lindsey](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:56:54 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

First, I would like to thank the SDMAC vaccine subcommittee members for their thoughtful debate on the difficult topic of vaccine rationing. I was disheartened to see that food production workers were left out of Phase 1b. In the committee's debate, I believe the fairness, equity, and societal benefits of vaccinating food production workers was overlooked. During the last year, many Americans have been able to protect themselves by staying at home. While doing so, they have required a reliable food supply, of which Wisconsin is a major contributor. Food production companies have the dual responsibility to protect their workers *and* provide food to Americans. We do not take this lightly. During the last year, food production companies have altered operations, provided PPE, instituted health checks, provided education on prevention, provided testing, and much more. Our company, Salm Partners, has taken the path of testing all of our workforce every month to help protect them and their families. This is a difficult task logistically and costs \$60,000 a month. However, we feel that this is an important tool in protecting our workers, our top priority.

In closing, I believe that food production workers should be reinstated in Phase 1b. Food production workers are not able to perform their essential tasks from home. The whole country depends on the food supply, so it seems inequitable and unfair not to vaccinate the people we depend on to provide it.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and efforts on this important matter. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Regards,

[Keith M. Lindsey](#) | President & CEO

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From: [Marissa Worzella](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:51:53 AM

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Sincerely,
Marissa Worzella



From: [Dean Kuczynski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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From: [Mary Sargent](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:45:33 AM

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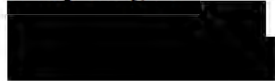
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Sincerely,
Mary Jo Sargent

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Mary Sargent



From: [Sister Penzenstadler](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:40:17 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. Grocery store workers are putting their lives on the line every day as they continue to try to serve us.

Sincerely ,
Sister Penzenstadler

[REDACTED]

From: [Kelly Lambeth](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:40:02 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

I want to keep myself and my community safe without disrupting the food chain supply.

Sincerely ,
Kelly Lambeth



From: [Judith Mantey](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:38:22 AM

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Sincerely,
Judith Mantey



From: [Candy Zilli](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:27:16 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Both my jobs are in industry's that deal with public hospitality and grocery I feel we are out in the public we should have the option for the shot.

Candy Zilli

Sincerely ,
Candy Zilli



From: [Katrina Hubacek](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:25:45 AM

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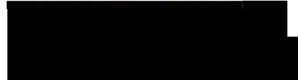
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Sincerely,
Katrina Hubacek



From: [Spakowicz, Marsha](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccination Plan - Grocery Industry
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:20:04 AM

January 15, 2021

State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC)
Vaccine Subcommittee
Via email: dhssdmac@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Dear Vaccine Subcommittee Members,

I write today as a loved one of someone who works in the grocery industry.

I ask that there be reconsideration and that you include the food supply industry in tier 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination plan. CDC guidance on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution was released even before the announcement of a vaccine, and had the food supply industry listed as part of tier 1B, as essential public facing workers.

I am disheartened to hear the committee is not following this guidance and is instead recommending the food supply industry should receive the vaccine as part of tier 1C.

All healthcare workers, public safety workers and child care center workers are factored in tier 1A and 1B. Grocery workers and food supply essential workers were also mentioned in the same breath as these industries since early March of 2020 and called "Heroes". Yet, my loved one now doesn't have the same hope these other front-line heroes are getting.

Please reconsider your revised plan for Tier 1B to include grocery workers and others critical in the food supply.

Food is essential to the survival for all mankind, regardless of age. Employees in the grocery industry have been working tirelessly to ensure people have the food and supplies they need available to them in order to follow the "Shelter in Place" and "Safer at Home" orders set forth by the state of Wisconsin. My loved one and their co-workers need to remain healthy. Without them we will have a much larger issue on our hands in keeping food available to all Wisconsin residents.

To watch my loved one leave the house for 10 months and put themselves at risk out in the public to ensure all of us have food on the table has been so hard. For them to have this glimmer of hope for a timely vaccine ripped out of their hands is a shame. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

Marsha Spakowicz

mspakowicz@arrowheadsistemas.com

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From: [Amanda Ricco](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:17:46 AM

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Sincerely,
Amanda Ricco



From: [Julie Brockman](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:17:01 AM

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Sincerely ,
Julie Brockman



From: [Sherry Becker](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:12:03 AM

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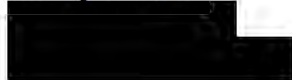
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Sincerely,
Sherry Becker



From: [Tabitha Recob](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:11:47 AM

JANUARY 14, 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM AN ESSENTIAL WORKER.

I WORK FOR WOODMAN'S FOOD MARKETS AND HAVE WORKED THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PANDEMIC, IN A TIME OF NEED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I HAVE WORKED HARD TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ENSURING THEY STILL HAVE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO SURVIVE IN A STATE OF UNKNOWN. I WORKED HARD TO SERVE OUR GUESTS, WITHOUT HESITATION.

IT HAS BEEN SCARY. WHEN EVERYONE ELSE HAS SHELTERED AT HOME, I STILL CAME AND CONTINUE TO COME TO WORK.

BUT NOW I AM TOLD I AM NOT AN ESSENTIAL WORKER. ALL OF MY HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE OF MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND MY LOVED ONES MEANS NOTHING. I AM NO LONGER A PRIORITY TO RECEIVE A VACCINE.

THIS IS NOT FAIR. WHY SHOULD I CONTINUE TO PUT MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND MY LOVED ONES HEALTH ON THE LINE WITHOUT PROTECTION?

AM I NO LONGER THE HERO YOU REFERRED TO ME AS BEFORE? I COME IN CONTACT WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EVERY DAY AND WEEK TO ENSURE THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIAL NEEDS. HOW AM I NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A "PUBLIC FACING ESSENTIAL WORKER"? PLEASE TELL ME AS I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

I ASK YOU RECONSIDER YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND PRIORITIZE ALL OF THE "HEROES" WHO HAVE WORKED HARD IN UNKNOWN AND SCARY TIMES TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES IN THEIR ESSENTIAL NEEDS.

I AM AN ESSENTIAL WORKER.

SIGNED,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Savita Reddy". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a light gray rectangular box.

From: [Elizabeth Wawrzyniak](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:05:43 AM

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We frequently encounter guests who complain about the precautions we are taking for their safety and ours, who need to be reminded to wear their masks properly, who don't think of us as "people" deserving of protections and precautions. (I cannot count the times I've heard the line "Why do I have to wear a mask, there's nobody here but me?"). In order to protect access to life-supporting supplies such as food, toiletries, and medicines, it is essential for food service and grocery workers to be vaccinated as early as possible.

In fact, within their guidelines for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, the CDC specifically calls out "grocery workers" as essential and part of Phase 1b distribution. We are asking your committee to include grocery workers as part of Wisconsin's Phase 1b distribution plan, to help us protect safe access to food and supplies and the people who provide them.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Wawrzyniak



From: [Amy Niemetscheck](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Cc: jon.temte@fammed.wisc.edu
Subject: Please Consider Revising Public Facing Essential Workers in Group 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:04:37 AM
Attachments: image001.png
Importance: High

Good morning,

Wisconsin's Safer At Home order went into effect on March 25, 2020. The goal of the order was to prohibit nonessential travel and limit gatherings to help flatten the curve of COVID-19 and ensure capacity of Wisconsin's health care system.

There were three industries noted in that order as being reasons to leave your home: Healthcare, Pharmacy and **Grocery (Food and Supplies)**.

As the leader of an Organization that employs over 530 employees that **provides over 130,000 cases of food and supplies**, including dry goods, cleaning products, paper products, meat, dairy, produce and frozen food to independent grocery stores around our state of Wisconsin **EVERY DAY**, I was so disheartened to share the news that our industry was moved down the list for potential COVID-19 vaccine with my employees.

I understand this committee is made up of many front-line heroes that were beyond critical and essential over the past 10 months, and you are more than deserving of the vaccine, I 100% support that direction. I agree with everyone that was in the Group 1A, they all need it more than the rest of us.

However, your recommendations of persons to be included in Group 1B I do not believe make sense. On October 29, 2020, the CDC published the "COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations". Their definition of Phase 1B was as follows: "People who play a key role in keeping essential functions of society running and cannot socially distance in the workplace (e.g....**food** packaging and **distribution workers**..."

As I read your "DMAC VDS Phase 1b Recommendations FOR PUBLIC COMMENT" document and review your idea of public-facing essential workers, you are considering:

- Persons in the back office of healthcare organizations, who I'm assuming can and have been doing their work remotely
- Mink Husbandry; the last I checked I have not seen mink running around the State of Wisconsin freely and persons constantly infected
- Incarcerated individuals; last I checked these are criminals, they are locked up, NOT IN PUBLIC EVERY DAY. Note, I do agree with vaccinating the guards and personnel that put themselves at risk daily.

How in the world do the above groups of people meet that definition of public facing or essential functions for society? And in the meantime, you read what the CDC gave very early on, and you are completely ignoring a critical group of true front-line public facing people.

If grocery stores have to close due to mass COVID-19 outbreaks, you are talking about almost every living person in our State having an immediate problem, food and supplies. We are part of what is keeping “an essential function of society running”, and social distancing at all times is a challenge.

Next, I try to consider in your rationale, perhaps they are unsure on how to reach those of us in the grocery and food supply industry and that is why they pushed us down the list?

As I stated in my business description, we are lucky to partner with stores across the state of Wisconsin, and the stores we service are the owners of Certco, Inc. We have three massive campuses in the Madison area, and we service all Woodmans Food Markets, whom I know also have opened up their campuses to leaders in charge of vaccine distribution; we also service Sendik’s Food Markets in the Milwaukee area. If you provide a pharmacy partner, many of us utilize Walgreens to provide our employees with onsite flu shots every Fall, we will get you the masses of people. And they can drive-thru on our properties, or we will provide temporary tents, we are more than happy to assist with the creating destinations for grocers and those involved in the food supply to come to; let us help take the logistic challenge out of this by using our business sites.

I appreciate the time you took to read this comment, and for all of our stores and my employees in the food distribution business, I am hoping you reconsider the initial persons listed in Group 1B, and put true persons performing essential functions, grocers and food distribution personnel, in group 1B.

Thank you,

Amy Niemetscheck

President & CEO



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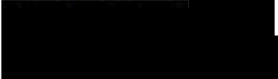
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From: [Theresa Rich](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:04:31 AM

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Sincerely ,
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From: [James Kaiser](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:01:25 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: [Donna Flick](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:57:46 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. Where have you been the last 10 months , I know where I have been at work.

Sincerely ,
Donna Flick



From: [Kaleb DuMez](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:52:38 AM

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In their guidelines for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, the CDC specifically calls out "grocery workers" as essential and part of Phase 1b distribution. If Wisconsin disregards this fact, then Wisconsin would be the only state in the nation to ignore these recommendations from the CDC, which downgrades the importance of food service employees. We are asking your committee to include grocery workers as part of Wisconsin's Phase 1b distribution plan.

Sincerely,
Kaleb DuMez

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From: [Greg Stadter](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee Phase 1B- Public Comments- Grocery and Bus
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:52:34 AM

Dear SDMAC Vaccine Distribution Subcommittee members,

I commend the subcommittee on a well thought out and equitable 1B plan that is also operationally feasible.

My public comment is under the definition of public-facing essential workers, I'd ask you to consider food supply (especially grocery store workers) as well as public transportation operators (at least buses). I think to March and April last year when locally we saluted our grocery store employees and bus drivers as "heroes" for keeping society functioning as critical infrastructure in uncertain times and personally believe they meet the 1B criteria:

- Benefits- being around so many people every day, they have the potential to be superspreaders and they disproportionately live in the communities of color that have been the hardest hit locally here in Milwaukee County
- Population size- relatively modest... I'd guess somewhere around 150K statewide but not my area of expertise.
- Vulnerability- exposure to lots of people, but social distancing and masks have protected them well. Many live in vulnerable parts of MKE County from local experience.
- Additional considerations:
 - Advances racial and health equity goals, as these workers are disproportionately from the vulnerable communities and communities of color in Milwaukee County.
 - This population has and continues to provide critical infrastructure
 - The operational lift to vaccinate this population, given that it is employer-based (with some organizations being vaccinators themselves), will be more straightforward to mobilize than others.

Thanks for your considerations as well as your long hours and service to Wisconsin,

Greg Stadter, MPH in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

From: [Paul Moldenhauer](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:44:57 AM

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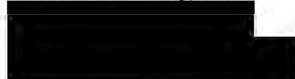
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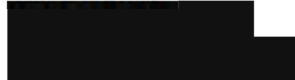
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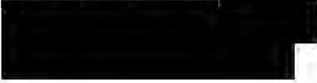


From: [Michael merrill](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:28:44 AM

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Sincerely ,
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From: [Allen Krause](#)
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From: [Judy Bye-Capetillo](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:13:55 AM

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From: [John Bairstow](#)
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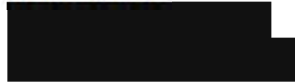
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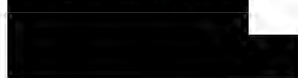
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From: [Daniel Schulz](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
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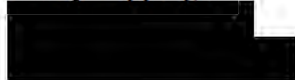
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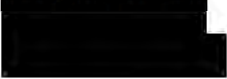


From: [Dwight Brown](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 6:37:11 AM

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Sincerely ,
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From: [Richard Waller](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
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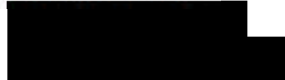
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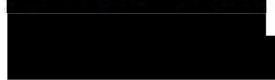
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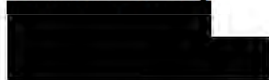
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From: [Kristin Favill](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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Sincerely,
Kristin Favill



From: [Matt Alba](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:31:15 AM

From: [Mary Wegner](#)
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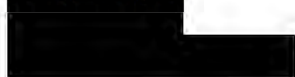
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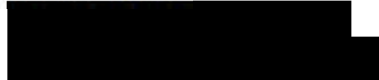
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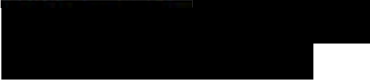
From: [Daniel Foster](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:15:43 AM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

I am age 69 and at risk, being constantly in contact with the public.

Sincerely ,
Daniel Foster

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JANUARY 14, 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM AN ESSENTIAL WORKER.

I WORK FOR WOODMAN'S FOOD MARKETS AND HAVE WORKED THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PANDEMIC, IN A TIME OF NEED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I HAVE WORKED HARD TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ENSURING THEY STILL HAVE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO SURVIVE IN A STATE OF UNKNOWN. I WORKED HARD TO SERVE OUR GUESTS, WITHOUT HESITATION.

IT HAS BEEN SCARY. WHEN EVERYONE ELSE HAS SHELTERED AT HOME, I STILL CAME AND CONTINUE TO COME TO WORK.

BUT NOW I AM TOLD I AM NOT AN ESSENTIAL WORKER. ALL OF MY HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE OF MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND MY LOVED ONES MEANS NOTHING. I AM NO LONGER A PRIORITY TO RECEIVE A VACCINE.

THIS IS NOT FAIR. WHY SHOULD I CONTINUE TO PUT MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND MY LOVED ONES HEALTH ON THE LINE WITHOUT PROTECTION?

AM I NO LONGER THE HERO YOU REFERRED TO ME AS BEFORE? I COME IN CONTACT WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EVERY DAY AND WEEK TO ENSURE THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIAL NEEDS. HOW AM I NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A "PUBLIC FACING ESSENTIAL WORKER"? PLEASE TELL ME AS I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

I ASK YOU RECONSIDER YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND PRIORITIZE ALL OF THE "HEROES" WHO HAVE WORKED HARD IN UNKNOWN AND SCARY TIMES TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES IN THEIR ESSENTIAL NEEDS.

I AM AN ESSENTIAL WORKER. !!!!

SIGNED, *Kenneth J. Runde* 01/14/2021
Kenneth J. Runde

From: [Erin Schmidt](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:55:51 PM

Dear Committee Member,

I am an employee of Sendik's Food Market, a retail grocer in Wisconsin. I am asking you to consider including our industry in Wisconsin's tier 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination plan.

We are consistently exposed to people who do not wear masks on a daily basis. We are not allowed to enforce the mask-wearing rule, as people may use asthma/previous conditions as an excuse. Everybody needs groceries, including those who do not believe in the virus and do not take precautions. Getting a different job at this point would be virtually impossible, and so we are stuck with anti-maskers.

Cashiers are essential workers and are a high risk for spreading and getting the virus. If a grocery worker gets the virus and has no symptoms they may continue to come to work. By doing so, they will interact with customers of all ages and risk levels while touching the food which they then will eat. Being a grocery worker means constant interaction between people. I am asking to be reconsidered so the majority of the community which shops at our store can be protected and prevented from further death and disease.

Thank you for considering this proposition.

Sincerely,
Erin Schmidt



From: [Cara Olson](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:28:54 PM

Dear Committee Member,

I write today as an employee of Sendik's Food Markets, a retail grocer serving the citizens of Wisconsin. I am asking you to consider including our industry in Wisconsin's tier 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination plan.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, my coworkers and I have been on the front lines serving our communities. We never shut down. We are face to face with the public 14 hours a day. There is no opportunity in our industry to work remotely.

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Sincerely,
Cara Olson



From: [Cody Burgess](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
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Sincerely ,
Cody Burgess



From: [Olivia Casper](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:08:20 PM

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From: [Trevor Schmitt-Ernst](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:46:34 PM

Dear Committee Member,

I write today as an employee of Sendik's Food Markets, a retail grocer serving the citizens of Wisconsin. I am asking you to consider including our industry in Wisconsin's tier 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination plan.

The grocery workers were hit extremely hard during the pandemic, we have been stocking twice, many times triple the amount of food we stocked before the pandemic. With this increased amount of work, us grocery workers can not risk a team member going down with COVID-19. Recently one co-worker contracted COVID-19, soon we were missing 3 of our 9 regular workers, our ability to get food on the shelves were cut, those of us who didn't go out were working double what we would be, and we still were not able to get the food on the shelves despite frequently working overtime to make up. Grocery workers need to get the vaccine in order to stay in the front lines as we have been all pandemic long.

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From: [Vaughn Navarre](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
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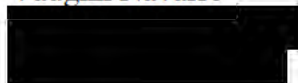
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Sincerely,
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From: [Laurie Doty](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:41:48 PM

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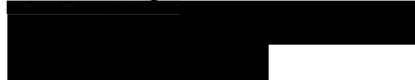
I write today as customer of Sendik's Food Markets, a retail grocer serving the citizens of Wisconsin. I also have several family members who are Sendik's employees. I am asking you to consider including the grocery industry in Wisconsin's tier 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination plan.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, my family members and their coworkers have been working on the front lines serving our communities. Their stores never shut down. They are face to face with the public every day.

They are among the stockers, checkers, baggers, cart wipers, clerks, delivery drivers and order fillers that get food to the people of our state. They are the definition of a front line worker. I'm proud of what they do on a daily basis despite risk of exposure to the virus from the tens of thousands of guests who come to their stores every week. Their jobs are essential to our state's food supply and they are "heroes" for the work they have done and continue to do.

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Sincerely,
Laurie Doty



From: [Laura Carlton](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:35:17 PM

Dear Committee Member,

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Sincerely,
Laura Carlton



From: [Isabelle Felber](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
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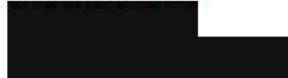
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Sincerely,
Isabelle Felber



From: [Reed Burzynski](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:26:39 PM

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Since March, my associates and I have been showing up to work and working through the high stress environment that COVID-19 has caused. It would make everything worth it to receive the vaccine.

Sincerely ,
Reed Burzynski



From: [David Bodshaug](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:07:25 PM

Dear Committee Member,

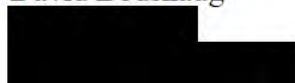
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I am 20 years old and will be 21 on March 19th of this year. My job as a Grocery store stocker may not be the most glamorous out there, and it may not be seen as high as, say, a healthcare worker, but my job is essential and what I do is essential. My co-workers and I work day and night to keep grocery stores stocked so that the public may shop without needing to fight and scavenge for food. When the shelves are stocked, it might just help someone take some stress off their mind knowing that what they need is available in these most stressful times.

I have not only myself to worry about but my family as well. I didn't ask to work during one of the worst pandemics my generation has ever seen; I work because what I do brings me satisfaction and knowing that I can help others find what they need and take some of the stress off of their life. I cannot do my job effectively if I have to worry day in and day out that my job might just hurt the ones I hold closest. I realize that this pandemic won't be over when vaccinations come. Still, I, along with many of my co-workers, will certainly be able to sleep easier at night knowing that we might be able to have an extra layer of defense against this virus that has taken the lives of far too many.

I will close with this; the CDC has listed Grocery Store workers and food industry workers as essential. I would hope that our own state government would take the advice of those who have been doing this as their career for years and have experience in these types of situations.

Sincerely,
David Bodshaug



From: [Darya Soboleva](#)
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)
Subject: vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:03:19 PM

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