

**From:** [Pamela Ettmayer](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Saturday, January 16, 2021 4:36:51 AM

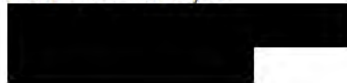
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Dear Committee Member,

We need this to keep our community fed. I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Sincerely,  
Pamela Ettmayer



**From:** [Laura Gibbons](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Phase 1B vaccine subcommittee  
**Date:** Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:23:12 AM

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I am a City of Madison, transit employee and a grocery store employee. As such I have been exposed to Covid 19 too many times to relate. Only through a concentrated effort have grocery stores remained open and public transit not been crippled due to rampant illness. Now after 10 months of not seeing family (because we could expose them) and taking abuse from the public for asking them to wear a mask you are saying that we are not important enough to receive the vaccine ahead of a Mink Farmer? I fail to understand how after 10 months of listening to the CDC the State of Wisconsin now thinks their plan is better. Don't compound the kicks essential workers have already received from having to battle beliefs that Covid-19 is a hoax. Delaying vaccination of transit and grocery employees is not in the public's best interests. Stand by the essential workers that have allowed people to safely move about and obtain groceries.

Sincerely,  
Laura Gibbons

**From:** [Karen Degeneffe](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** ♀PLEASE CONSIDER US  
**Date:** Saturday, January 16, 2021 1:23:28 AM

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Hi

Was hoping to see something about face to face waitress/waiters

Unfortunately, to do my job - I have to put my face within a foot/ or closer distance - of each of my customers "unmasked" talking face- several times per meal. (Serving/clearing food- drinks/wine- fine dining)

Again, unfortunately, My profession has already suffered dearly from lost wages this year( my personal income is about half of last year)

All the "to go" food - supporting local restaurants is But, REALLY benefits business owners and keeps kitchen workers going- who really have no customer contact ...

But the face to (bare) face customer contact falls to us waitstaff- and as we know- people still feel like it's essential to be able to eat in restaurants..... SO- if the state can't/won't shut down sit down food service- we are still out there waiting on the idiots who want to have social gatherings/ weddings etc...

Something else worth considering is the fact that since I have close contact with many people during a shift - if I get the virus and don't know it - I , along with others in my profession, can potentially infect quite a few people in a short time period

So- PLEASE consider putting us under essential workers with higher than average risk of infection - AND higher than average risk of infecting others

Thanks for your consideration,  
Karen

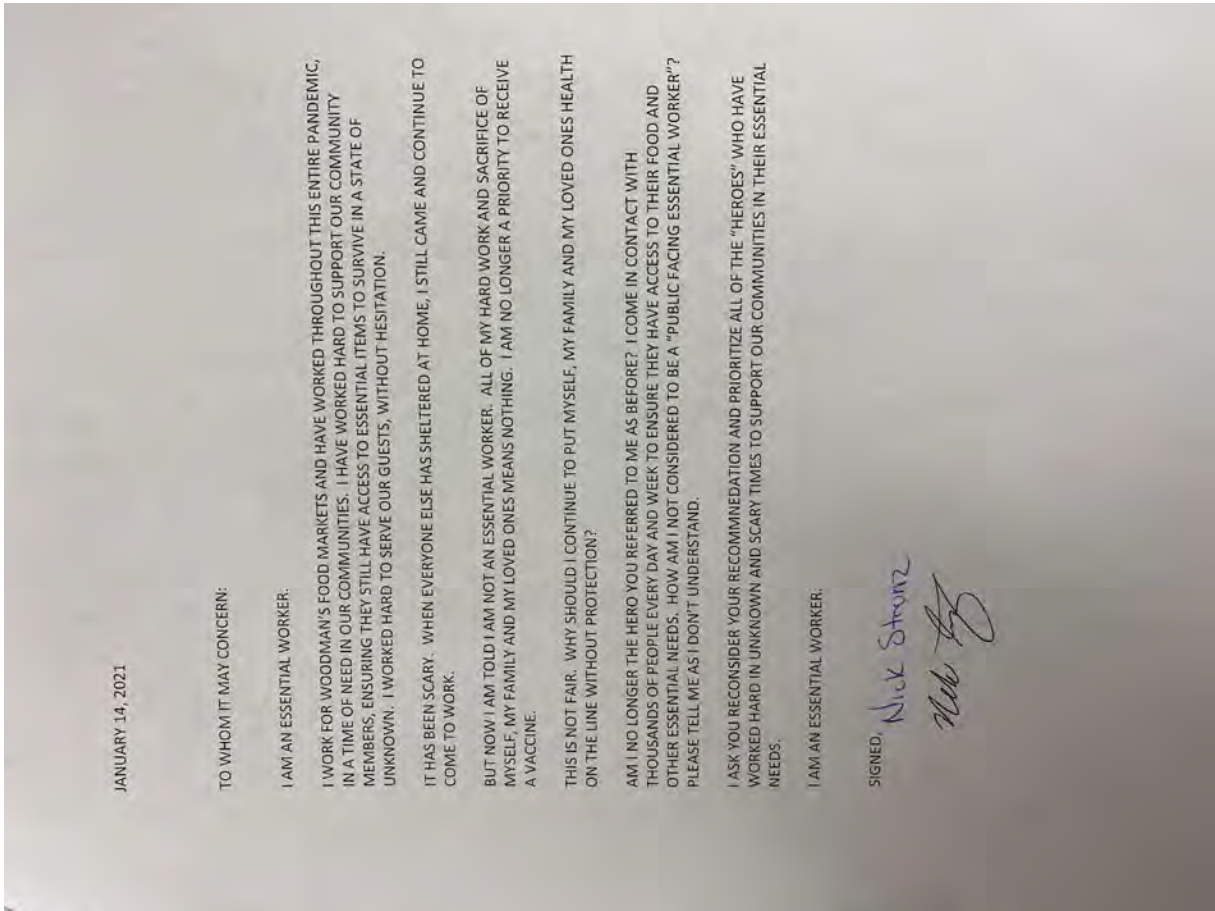
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**From:** [Jessica Tiller](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee, Phase 1 B  
**Date:** Saturday, January 16, 2021 12:27:43 AM

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Dear 1B Community Hearing,

Please consider restaurant workers as well as their back of house support teams to be up for the COVID - 19 1B vaccine, for any of the following reasons:

1. Restaurants are an important part of the food supply chain – feeding the public through carryout, delivery, and dine-in; keeping farmers, wholesalers, fishers, wineries, breweries, delivery drivers, and more, in business.
2. “Front of House” restaurant workers (managers, servers, hosts, bartenders, etc) have high level of interaction with the public and cannot control social distancing – they work in close proximity to unmasked diners for extended periods of time.
3. “Back of House” restaurant workers (managers, chefs, cooks, dishwashers) are not able to physically distance from each other while cooking in kitchens.

Thank you for reading my email on behalf of a loved one working on the front line of providing a very key community piece.

Kindly,  
Jessica Tiller

**From:** [Brenda M.](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Saturday, January 16, 2021 12:00:10 AM

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To whom it may concern,

My recommendation for a subcommittee in phase 1B is food service workers.  
I work at Culver's and we are at risk working face to face with many customers daily.

Thank you for this consideration.

Brenda M

**From:** [Drew Russo](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** COVID vaccine  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 11:50:17 PM

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I think all individuals in the hospitality industry should be considered to include restaurants and hotels.

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**From:** [Karen Syverson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Covid 19 Vaccines for Grocery Store employees  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 11:44:25 PM

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I am 69 years old, have severe COPD, and do not leave my home except for medical appointments. My husband works at home, and has to do all of our shopping and other public facing errands. We wear masks whenever we must be out. We are lucky to be able to limit our exposure to this Virus.

While I will probably be eligible soon for the Vaccine, and will get it as soon as it is available to me, you should take care of the grocery and other food handling employees first - their exposure is greater than most old people and their work is essential to all of us. We have to keep them healthy and live up to our part of that "essential workers " appreciation.

I know that it will take some time to get the vaccine in good supply, and distributed, but once the mad king leaves the White House things will start getting better. We still have to take care of the helpers first!

Thanks for reading,  
Karen Syverson  
New Franken, WI



**From:** [barbjastinski@gmail.com](mailto:barbjastinski@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Covid vaccine  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 11:30:51 PM

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Every time I read about phase 1b the qualifications change. I will be 69 in march and had severe sepsis twice in the last 3 years with organ failure near death, have diabetes, hypertension and take care of my 97 year old father. I live in Wausau WI. Where can I get a vaccine before I die. I only go to the grocery store and live in fear with all the maskless people I run into. I would think I would qualify before a mink farmer or younger person. Help!!!

**From:** [Erica Gonzalez](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment recommendation.  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 10:24:21 PM

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I believe teachers should be included in the next phase of 1b. As well as grocery workers and auto industry workers as they have been opened and essential during this time.

**From:** [Chris Rogers](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee "Phase 1B"  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 10:23:09 PM

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Please include

Grocery workers  
Kroger, Target, Walmart and Meijer

Thanks  
Chris

Chris Rogers

**From:** [Nora Costello](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 10:16:07 PM

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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. We are asking your committee to include grocery workers as part of Wisconsin's Phase 1b distribution plan.

Sincerely,  
Nora Costello



**From:** [Jacqueline Wedeward](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 10:00:58 PM

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Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Wedeward

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**From:** [Skyler Keough](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 9:56:15 PM

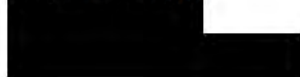
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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your re-consideration of those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations. Many people who work in grocery stores are either older and at risk or live with those who are at risk. Grocery workers who have worked hard through the pandemic deserve the chance to get the vaccine as soon as possible.

Sincerely ,  
Skyler Keough



**From:** [Jodi Wuksinich](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 9:50:02 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of grocery employees all over the state of Wisconsin. To not include us in phase 1B of the vaccine distribution is a slap in the face. We have heard from the beginning how we are essential, but you won't include us in the next vaccination group? Who keeps your families fed? The grocery industry. Who's been working countless hours to try to keep up with demand? The grocery industry. Who is short staffed due to employees out sick with Covid-19? The grocery industry. Who can't do their job remotely? You guessed it the grocery industry. I hope you reconsider giving us the respect of other essential workers and let us get vaccinated so we can protect our families and more importantly our customers.

Jodi L. Wuksinich

**From:** [Della Besaw](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B Grocery store workers  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 9:43:59 PM

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I WEPT when I saw my son wearing a mask for the first time just to be able to work as a Grocery Manager and another son as Retail Clerk for tools - both considered ESSENTIAL WORKERS, and on the front lines keeping everyone else fed and getting the equipment they needed while others could stay home! They risked their lives and their family's lives to be able to serve everyone else in the community. How are Grocery workers ESPECIALLY not considered just as much a front line worker as a nurse or DR or EMT?!! They are front facing the public every single day and also having to put up with those who don't want to wear a mask and even be THREATENED! Please consider these people for front of the line for vaccines. It's unconscionable that they should not be protected when they risk exposure to covid over and over every single day. Thank you.

Sincerely, A Mom who is high risk and will have to wait but wants her front line working children to be protected.

Della M.Besaw





**From:** [Sam looft](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 9:37:17 PM

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Sincerely ,  
Sam looft

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**From:** [Lynn Michels](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee - phase 1b  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 9:08:19 PM

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You need to include grocers in this group!! They have been and continue to be front line workers!!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Patricia Czapiewski](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 8:38:46 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

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Sincerely,  
Patricia Czapiewski



**From:** [Beth Landgraf](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee, Phase 1b  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 8:23:29 PM

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PLEASE add grocery workers to phase 1b in the vaccination distribution plan. They are exposed to so, so many people who could potentially spread this virus, and often have little protection beyond their own masks. Even with masks mandated, many customers wear them incorrectly or not at all, and put these essential workers at risk of not only falling ill themselves, but bringing illness home to their families. We NEED these people to stay safe and healthy so we can still access food and other necessities to live.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth A Stratton

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Colleen Guddeck](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 8:22:26 PM

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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.

From the start of this pandemic we have not slowed down. We've been right there dealing with the panicked shoppers, the shoppers with no masks, on a daily basis. We're an important part of the community and it's important that we keep on going. Being able to receive this vaccine sooner than later is important to the grocery workers and industry.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Guddeck



**From:** [Molly Proite](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Phase 1b Vaccine Subcommittee  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 8:20:30 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

After reading who will be included in Phase 1B, I'm hoping sharing my thoughts will help you to include grocery store workers in this section. My family owns and operates Layton Fruit Market in St. Francis, WI. We are a small grocery store that has stayed open everyday during the pandemic. We are part of the food supply chain and have been able to provide people with the essentials they need during this uncertain time. When I heard grocery store workers were not going to be included in Phase 1B, it was a gut-punch. We were hailed as "heroes" in the early days of the pandemic - putting our health at risk to earn our income because we can't work from home-and now it feels like we are being pushed to the side. It is critical we stay open and our employees stay healthy while working with the public every single day. We are put at risk working with so many people everyday. I feel that grocery store workers should absolutely be included in this next wave of vaccinations in 1B. Please, keep us safe and healthy. I'm asking that you consider this request so that we can keep myself, family and employees are able to safely work and continue to stay open for the community we love so much. I again urge you to include us, grocery store workers, in the 1B category.

Thank you,  
Molly Proite

**From:** [Timothy Plevak](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 8:19:12 PM

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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 have been called essential workers since March of 2020 and now we get passed on the vaccine??

Sincerely ,  
Timothy Plevak



**From:** [Colin Murray](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee for phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 8:09:42 PM

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Dear SDMAC Vaccine Subcommittee Members:

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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 personal lives on the line along with those that they love, as we pressed on to serve 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 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 workday 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,

Colin Murray  
Executive Director | Dane Buy Local | 608-729-7342

Check out our website: [www.danebuylocal.com](http://www.danebuylocal.com)



**From:** [Annie Zutter](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 8:04:21 PM

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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. Please reconsider as we see so many individuals daily that must get food sick or not. Puts us at risk as people go to the grocery store sick or no sick please reconsider. Thank you

Sincerely ,  
Annie Zutter



**From:** [Emily Coborn](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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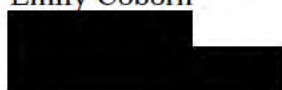
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Sincerely ,  
Emily Coborn



**From:** [Henry Muckelberg](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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Sincerely ,  
Henry Muckelberg



**From:** [Maggie Hintz](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee phase 1b  
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Sincerely,

Maggie Hintz

**From:** [Kelley Manson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccination Suggestions  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 7:30:54 PM

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Per request for public comment about Phase 1B. In my opinion, the highest priority is teachers and childcare workers. In the frontline essential workers, I would also prioritize those in grocery stores and banking/financial services. These are two businesses who have not been able to sufficiently work from home, and who have high exposure.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Brenda Bartow](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 7:28:18 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

In the President Elects speech today he considered grocery workers frontline workers who are included in his plan of being vaccinated now. 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 family who work in the store 60 plus hours a week because they can not keep help during covid. They dont have a choice, they are essential and they need to be vaccinated. Some people try coming in without masks and they are exposed daily. Please consider them frontline workers

Sincerely ,  
Brenda Bartow



**From:** [Don Merkes](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 7:22:08 PM

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I'm writing to ask that you include grocery store employees in the 1B group. These employees have worked for the last year with danger of acquiring COVID to allow us to eat. The realization that mink farmers would be included in 1B but not these critical front line employees is discouraging and bordering on outrageous. Please do the right thing for these dedicated employees.

Don Merkes  
163A Main St





**From:** [Kevin Metcalfe](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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Dear SDMAC Vaccine Subcommittee Members:

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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,

Kevin Metcalfe  
Director of Operations/Co-Owner  
Metcalfe Markets  
608-345-2219

Sincerely ,  
Kevin Metcalfe

726 N Midvale Blvd  
Madison, WI 53705

**From:** [Lin Persick](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** 1B Vaccines  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 7:19:37 PM

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I believe adults 65 and older should be near the beginning of this group as well as teachers so we can get out students back in the classroom. They are missing so much with virtual schooling. Then I would vaccinate those that work in the grocery industry and the restaurant industry to keep our businesses open.

Thanks for asking for our recommendations!  
Lin Persick

**From:** [Alec Stenerson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 7:01:55 PM

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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.

They are extremely vital to daily living.

Sincerely ,  
Alec Stenerson



**From:** [Alice Blakely](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 6:47:47 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

Dear 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.

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 the 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 employees is exposed to 2,500-3,500 customers each & every day at each of our (3) locations.

A recent study found that grocery store employees may be at higher risk for COVID-19 and may be more likely to have no symptoms. (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/29/health/grocery-workers-increased-covid-19-risk-wellness/index.html> )

Grocery workers do not have the opportunity to do their jobs from home. Their role in our community requires them to be at their workplace day in & day out, often working with customers who do not follow basic CDC safety precautions like wearing a face covering (or not wearing it properly). 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 ,  
Alice Blakely



**From:** [Peggy Anderson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 6:41:32 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to ask you to PLEASE re-consideration vaccinatuin of mink farmers and convicts before those in the grocery industry as you prioritize populations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Sincerely ,  
Peggy Anderson



**From:** [Tegan Counihan](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 6:28:51 PM

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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. Our staff have put themselves in close contact day after day. We have gone above and beyond to keep our communities safe and implemented new ways of serving our customers. Our staff deserve to be protected. What would we have done without grocery stores? What would we do without our staff? How best can we protect our customers? Who else could be more deserving than front line workers?

Sincerely,  
Tegan Counihan



**From:** [Mary Koehler](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** COVID Vaccinations  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 6:22:33 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

As you are looking for input on the next group for vaccinations, please see my thoughts:

Once healthcare and first responders (police, fire, ambulance) receive their vaccinations,

1. Teachers
2. High risk individuals including individuals over 60 yrs old, nursing home/assisted living residents, individuals with health conditions such as diabetes, cancer, etc
3. Workers in essential business including grocery stores, banking, gas stations, farmers, manufacturing/supply, food plants, etc
4. Individuals working with the public such as retail stores, clergy, home repair, etc
5. All other age groups or others not listed above

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**From:** [Kelcie Morgan](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
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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!

Sincerely,  
Kelcie Morgan



**From:** [Rane Derpinghaus](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** 1b phase essential workers~ Grocery Store workers  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 6:22:05 PM

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Grocery store workers are essential workers who are front line. Face to face contact with in six feet. Multiple contact with public persons a day. Some have persons at home which are at high risk. These should be a priority as well as health care workers.

If these front line workers are not available due to being ill and or the virus spreading due to asymptotic coworker regardless of mask, the other coworkers could be at risk. The food supply and grocery supply would be at risk as the pandemic continues.

These frontline workers put their lives on line everyday to supply the public with their grocery's and did supply their groceries thru the lockdown.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [John Stenerson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 6:03:09 PM

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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.  
Thank you

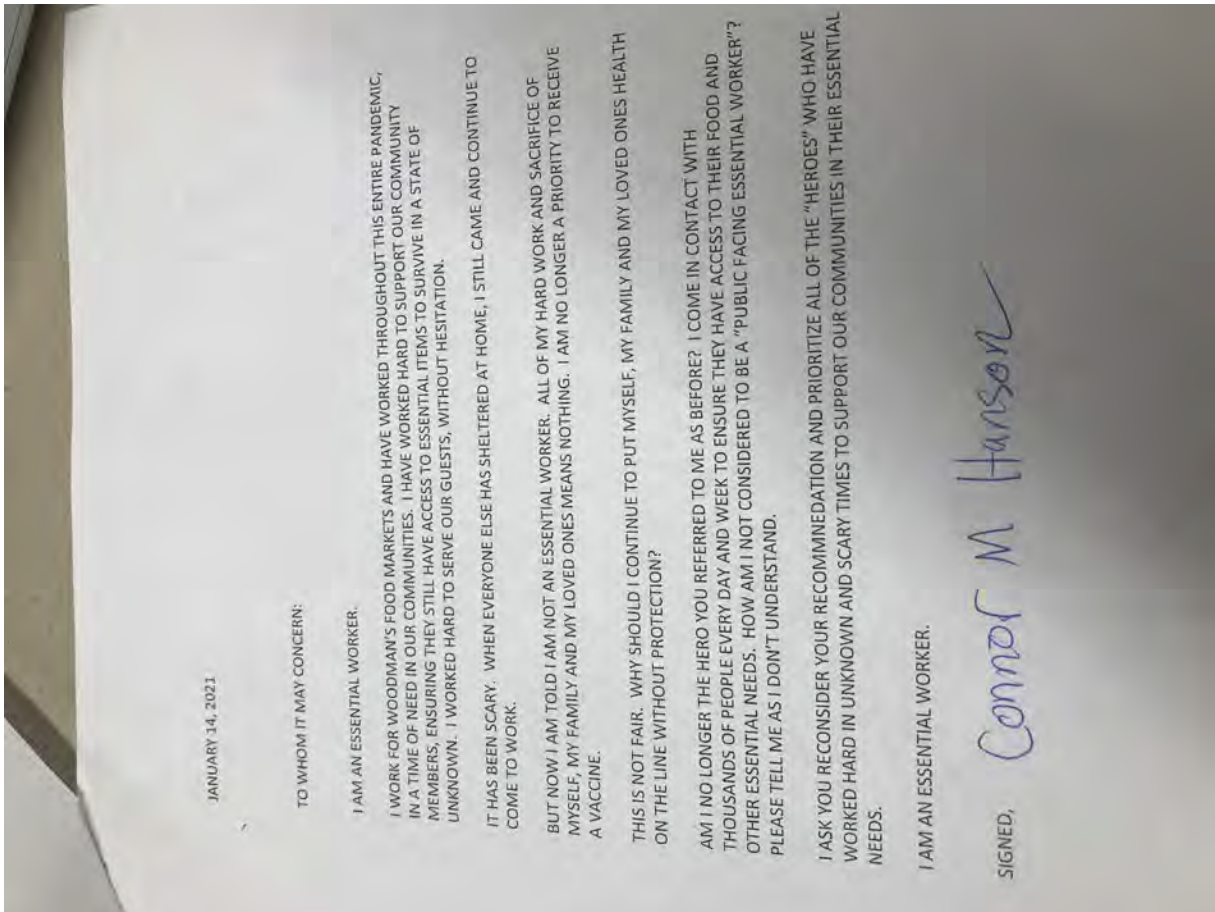
Sincerely ,  
John Stenerson



From: [ThatRagingGamer](#)  
To: [DHS SDMAC](#)  
Subject: Essential  
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-Hanson

**From:** [Aaron Anderson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:56:54 PM

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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.

Wisconsin would be the only state in the country to disregard CDC recommendations and downgrade food employees.

Food supply employees were essential during the pandemic and ensured that citizens had food and other necessary items.

A recent study found that grocery store employees may be at higher risk for COVID-19 and may be more likely to have no symptoms.

Sincerely ,  
Aaron Anderson



**From:** [Thomas Miller](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:55:12 PM

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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 have faced the frontline of the Pandemic from the start and have been vital in the ability for food and nutrition. The public we have faced daily is unscreened and we have been at very high risk since day one. Use common sense if you have any and get the most vulnerable and highly exposed vaccinated.

Sincerely ,  
Thomas Miller



**From:** [Mary Wilson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:48:38 PM

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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 the mother of an essential worker in the grocery industry I have witnessed first hand the fear, anxiety, depression financial crisis and risk this pandemic has caused our grocery store workers who are forced to work with the public. Help them as they have help the citizens of Wisconsin without pause or hesitation. They deserve the safety and respect

Sincerely ,  
Mary Wilson



**From:** [Woodrow Nelson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:43:53 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

My name is Woodrow Nelson and I am the store director at the Tomahawk location for Trig's. We employ 100 associates who have showed up to work everyday since this pandemic has started.

When the pandemic started in March our associates were hit hard. Trying to keep shelves stocked as we were seeing an increase in business like our industry has never seen. People flooded our stores as the CDC recommended that people stay home and our associates came to work and put themselves on the line to make sure our community had groceries in their homes. We got creative, expanding on our service for Trig's To Go, a delivery service not offered by any other grocery store in Tomahawk. We spiked from 8 orders a day to over 50 a day. Had to hire, train and reconstruct our entire operations to make sure our shoppers who did not feel safe to enter our store, still received groceries.

I've gotten yelled at by customers, as have our associates as guests come in upset that customers aren't wearing masks. We then started enforcing it, per your mandate, and our associates had to deal with behavior I can't even explain. Someone just trying to do their job getting cursed at and yelled at for trying to keep our store and community safe. The mental and physical toll our associates have taken to make sure our community has food should not go unnoticed.

Our associates can not work from home. Many have been impacted by this. We've had to quarantine associates due to getting the virus and we've had to quarantine others for being in close contact. 2 weeks they're unable to work, 2 weeks they didn't get paid. We have remained open this entire pandemic and kept our same business operations.

I'm asking that you recognize us for the essential workers that we are.

Sincerely,  
Woodrow Nelson





**From:** [KEVIN SCHNELL](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:29:09 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

After truly understanding how critical the food supply chain is during this pandemic, it is disappointing to hear that grocery store workers who work with the public every hour would not be considered essential anymore. I urge you to reconsider this decision.

Sincerely ,  
KEVIN SCHNELL



**From:** [Shannon Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:22:43 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

Dear Subcommittee Members:

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Grocery workers do not have the opportunity to do their jobs from home. Their role in our community requires them to be at their workplace day in & day out, often working with customers who do not follow basic CDC safety precautions like wearing a face covering (or not wearing it properly). 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 ,  
Shannon Hoffman



**From:** [Kyle Rich](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:22:28 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

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.

Every day I have to the opportunity to watch our team members go to work providing a vital role in their community. That role has only become amplified since early last year with the emergence of the Covid-19 Global Pandemic. When Governor Evers first issued a stay-at-home order in the spring of 2020 grocery store workers were included in this order as “essential workers” in an “essential business”. When the virus first emerged, there was a lot of fear, confusion, and emotions that were foreign to us. Throughout the pandemic I never saw our team members waiver. Instead, they rolled up their sleeves and got to work finding new ways to keep delivering service to thousands of shoppers each week while working to keep shoppers, fellow team members, and themselves safe.

To now exclude the grocery store workers from group 1B would only send a message that they are no longer “essential” and no longer at greater risk than the average public. Neither one of these things are true. 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,

Kyle Rich  
Proud WI Grocery Store Worker  
Human Resources  
Metcalf's Market

Sincerely ,  
Kyle Rich



**From:** [Jennifer Holz](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:20:40 PM

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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 need just as bad as first responders.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Holz



**From:** [streeter2@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:streeter2@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jeffrey Streeter](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Requesting inclusion of vaccines for frontline, essential hunger-relief workers in phase 1B of the Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory vaccine subcommittee recommendation  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:15:01 PM

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Dear Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Vaccine Subcommittee,

Thank you for your efforts to ensure efficient and equitable distribution of vaccines. It is incredibly important and necessary that the Phase 1B recommendation for the COVID-19 vaccine include hunger-relief frontline workers and volunteers. These workers and volunteers are essential to continue the unprecedented distribution of food to those Wisconsinites experiencing hunger during the pandemic and economic crisis.

Prioritization of hunger-relief frontline workers is imperative for the following reasons:

- Hunger-relief workers and volunteers are the critical force behind the wellbeing of the record number of Wisconsinites facing food insecurity. One in eight Wisconsinites, including one in five Wisconsin kids, don't know where their next meal is coming from. The hunger-relief network is mobilized like never before to meet this need. Our network is serving about 60% more individuals than last year. And Wisconsin's Feeding America member food banks and partners distributed about 90 million unprecedented pounds of food to those experiencing food insecurity from March to September of 2020, that is 25 million more pounds than was distributed in all of fiscal year 2019.
- The hunger-relief frontline workers and volunteers serve individuals in vulnerable health situations. People experiencing food insecurity have a disproportionately high rate of chronic health conditions that put people at higher risk of severe COVID-19 complications. This population frequently has less access to consistent quality health care and insurance. Also, 23% of households served has at least one senior and we know that age is a good indicator for risk of severe COVID-19 complications or death. People of color disproportionately experience food insecurity and are also known to be at greater risk of severe COVID-19 complications.
- It is our duty to ensure the safety of those being served. Individuals being served and in contact with hunger-relief frontline workers have few other options but to seek assistance from food pantries and meal sites do not have a way to mitigate their COVID-19 risk. They cannot avoid the interaction with staff and volunteers and rely on the organization to help meet basic needs and provide them with the meals they need to live.
- The hunger-relief network relies heavily on volunteers to fulfill the mission, many (37%) of these volunteers are seniors. An estimated 52 percent of food pantries and meal sites report having no paid staff. Among the 46 percent of agencies with paid staff, the median number of paid full-time equivalent staff members reported is four. As a result, if staff or volunteers were to test positive for COVID-19 and potentially require other staff or volunteers to quarantine, food distribution operations would be greatly impacted.

Collaboration between our hunger-relief organizations, public health, and those administering the vaccine will be essential to planning for equitable and efficient distribution, addressing concerns, educating about and adhering to appropriate protocols.

The COVID-19 vaccine is a critical step toward ensuring the safety and health of staff, volunteers, and those accessing food resources. It also ensures that food banks have the capacity to continue distributions at this unprecedented rate to feed Wisconsinites experiencing hunger. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Jeffrey Streeter

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**From:** [Lauryn Hall](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:13:55 PM

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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 colleagues and I have been continuing to service our community throughout the Pandemic. Please recognize our efforts to continue to server, risking our safety and the safety of our own families. We are essential to the community, and at the front lines while customers from every state and mask wearing belief (or non-belief) comes in to feed their own families.

I was diagnosed with COVID-19 about 3 weeks ago, and there was no other contact tracing that was linked to my diagnosis. I have to assume that I contracted the virus while at work. My husband and two young boys (3 and 5 years old) were also diagnosed with COVID due to being a household contact. PLEASE, PLEASE HELP ME KEEP MY FAMILY SAFE WHILE I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MY FAMILY AND PROVIDE A SERVICE TO MY COMMUNITY! PLEASE INCLUDE ME AND OTHERS LIKE ME WITH THE NEXT ROUND OF VACCINES.

Sincerely ,  
Lauryn Hall

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**From:** [Bryan Edwards](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:12:21 PM

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Dear Committee Member,

As the leader of a team of 80+ grocery store associates, it is upsetting to think that I may have to share the news that they are not being acknowledged as essential workers in regards to vaccine distribution. They have consistently put their personal health, as well as the health of their families at risk every day that they come to work. They have no idea what our guests may be bringing inside the store and yet they continue to serve our communities basic needs on a daily basis.

I am urging you to re-consider the classification of associates like the ones on my team who are absolutely essential to the functioning of our communities. Our business is designated as essential so we cannot possibly de-prioritize our team as non-essential when it comes to this process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely ,  
Bryan Edwards





**From:** [Greg](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine subcommittee Phase B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:05:02 PM

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I am sending this email hoping that you will change the requirements for the phase 1B of the vaccine distribution. I believe that the age should be lowered to 65 years and older. Having it at 70 and older you are eliminating part of the population that is most vulnerable at this time. Other states recognize this and have made 65 the bench mark. Being 69 I am currently taking care of my elderly mother, having to take her to many doctor visits, plus a couple of emergency room visits during this pandemic. I do not feel safe going to these place where there is a good chance of contacting the virus because no one else can be with her. I am following all the guidelines even avoiding grocery stores, but find myself sitting in doctor offices with potential cases of the virus. I am retired and therefore am not part of the workforce that may be considered before me. Also having 4 children and many grandchildren I am not available to help support my family when there is a need for child care because the parents need to be at work. Please reconsider and lower the age to 65 for phase 1B. Thank you for considering this request.

Hopeful,

Greg Kostechka

**From:** [Jennifer Luciani](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee phase 1B public comment  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:04:32 PM

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To the SDMAC Vaccine Subcommittee:

I would like to urge you to consider adding grocery and food workers to phase 1B of the vaccine rollout. I believe these workers are not only at increased risk for COVID but also bear disproportionate burdens related to the negative impacts of illness and loss of income as all too frequently they are low-income to begin with. Further, we have seen the devastating effects of COVID in places like meatpacking plants and other food industry workplaces so we know these are high-risk environments, often staffed by people of color who are at additional risk. Thank you for considering this and I wish you strength and clarity in your deliberations.

Jennifer Luciani  
Menomonie, Wisconsin

**From:** [Jennifer Sahy](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** phase 1b  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:02:08 PM

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Dear SDMAC Vaccine Subcommittee Members,

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

These people have NEVER shut down. They have been too essential. Trust me, white-knuckling through this pandemic sucks. If you can do it from home, that's great. However, these people are as public-facing as an ER. They should be given that level of respect.

Please reconsider your decision.

Thank You,  
Jennifer Sahy

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [hemmerlingrox@gmail.com](mailto:hemmerlingrox@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Phase1B of Covid vaccine roll out public comments  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 4:52:32 PM

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Dear sirs of the vaccine subcommittee, Thank you for taking public comments regarding 1B of the vaccine roll out . I would like to include grocery store employees.. food is essential and they show up everyday to help us. Many people do not adhere to the mask rule or wear their masks improperly in the grocery store.

I would also like to add when you have a loved one in assisted living and they have not received their vaccine yet and we are still in 1A, it is disturbing to think 1300 Janesville school staff have a date to be vaccinated and the administrators and other staff(40 of them) in the Beloit Turner School District have already had their first vaccine, it is very upsetting. Local school districts in Rock County are not coordinating with the Rock County Health Department.

Thank you for your time,  
Roxanne Hemmerling  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Autumn Rowan](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** Vaccine Subcommittee Phase 1B Comment  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 4:46:17 PM

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Hi. I am a delivery driver in my spare time apart from working from home. I work as an independent contractor for Roadie, Doordash, and Instacart. We are essential workers who come in contact with individuals when doing deliveries, making pickups, or shopping for items, and as such I think it is important for both us, the customers, and employees we may be near that we are vaccinated due to the variety of exposure and high risk we may face when on the job.

Roadie is a service that you can read about at <https://roadie.com>

Doordash is a service that you can read about at <https://doordash.com>

Instacart is a grocery shopping and delivery service you can read about at <https://instacart.com>

Other services common in Wisconsin include Uber Eats, Eat Street, Postmates, and Shipt.

A survey may be helpful in determining the number of individuals in our wonderful state who work for any of these kinds of independent contracting apps and services.

Thank you for your time and your consideration and stay healthy and vigilant!

-Autumn Rowan

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**From:** [Gina Simpson](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Subject:** vaccine subcommittee Phase 1B  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 4:39:22 PM

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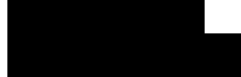
Dear Committee Member,

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

This is no brainer.

Vaccinate them!

Sincerely ,  
Gina Simpson



**From:** [Bob Jaskolski](#)  
**To:** [DHS SDMAC](#)  
**Cc:** [Wisconsin Grocers Association](#)  
**Subject:** Grocery Workers ARE Essential  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 4:31:11 PM

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**January 15, 2021**

To SDMA Committee,

My name is Bob Jaskolski and I am the President & CEO of Trig's. We operate 8 grocery stores in central and northern Wisconsin employing over 1,000 associates. I am asking for your help to reverse the disappointing decision that the State Vaccine Committee made to exclude grocery workers from the next phase (Phase 1B) of COVID-19 vaccinations. We need to protect these essential workers and unsung heroes who have put their own personal safety and that of their families aside to serve the over 80,000 guests who come through our doors each week. They are essential workers.

Throughout the pandemic, we knew how important it was to keep our stores open and stocked to serve the community. We further answered the call by maintaining our normal business hours, modifying our operation and expanding our services to serve our community during the global pandemic. Even today our company continues to be at the forefront of supporting our communities by being a source of the COVID-19 vaccine. Within our facilities, we operate six independent pharmacies which have already worked tirelessly in administering vaccines to individuals that fall within Phase 1A.

We don't have the option to work from home. We can't stop people who may be ill or carrying the virus from coming into our stores. Our team comes to work every day scared for their personal safety and that of their families. We have done everything that we can to keep them safe and it's time the state steps up and gives them the best protection possible. Our team is taking a higher risk with their health than some other 1B essential workers. We are front line every single day and should be included in phase 1B.

I am pleading for your support and influence to reverse the decision to exclude grocery workers from phase 1B. Please prioritize these folks. They have been doing their part and will continue to serve.

Respectfully,

*Bob*

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Dear Committee Member,

as an essential worker, I have come in contact with customers who refuse to wear a mask, customers who pull down their masks to speak. Every day I feel I am at risk; especially since my husband has leukemia.

It seems that Wi would be the only state to disregard CDC recommendations and downgrade food employees. Without us people would not be able to get food and the essential supplies they need.

Sincerely ,  
carol Ware

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**From:** [debbieoconnell1953@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:debbieoconnell1953@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Debbie O'Connell](#)  
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Dear Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee Vaccine Subcommittee,

Thank you for your efforts to ensure efficient and equitable distribution of vaccines. It is incredibly important and necessary that the Phase 1B recommendation for the COVID-19 vaccine include hunger-relief frontline workers and volunteers. These workers and volunteers are essential to continue the unprecedented distribution of food to those Wisconsinites experiencing hunger during the pandemic and economic crisis.

Prioritization of hunger-relief frontline workers is imperative for the following reasons:

- Hunger-relief workers and volunteers are the critical force behind the wellbeing of the record number of Wisconsinites facing food insecurity. One in eight Wisconsinites, including one in five Wisconsin kids, don't know where their next meal is coming from. The hunger-relief network is mobilized like never before to meet this need. Our network is serving about 60% more individuals than last year. And Wisconsin's Feeding America member food banks and partners distributed about 90 million unprecedented pounds of food to those experiencing food insecurity from March to September of 2020, that is 25 million more pounds than was distributed in all of fiscal year 2019.
- The hunger-relief frontline workers and volunteers serve individuals in vulnerable health situations. People experiencing food insecurity have a disproportionately high rate of chronic health conditions that put people at higher risk of severe COVID-19 complications. This population frequently has less access to consistent quality health care and insurance. Also, 23% of households served has at least one senior and we know that age is a good indicator for risk of severe COVID-19 complications or death. People of color disproportionately experience food insecurity and are also known to be at greater risk of severe COVID-19 complications.
- It is our duty to ensure the safety of those being served. Individuals being served and in contact with hunger-relief frontline workers have few other options but to seek assistance from food pantries and meal sites do not have a way to mitigate their COVID-19 risk. They cannot avoid the interaction with staff and volunteers and rely on the organization to help meet basic needs and provide them with the meals they need to live.
- The hunger-relief network relies heavily on volunteers to fulfill the mission, many (37%) of these volunteers are seniors. An estimated 52 percent of food pantries and meal sites report having no paid staff. Among the 46 percent of agencies with paid staff, the median number of paid full-time equivalent staff members reported is four. As a result, if staff or volunteers were to test positive for COVID-19 and potentially require other staff or volunteers to quarantine, food distribution operations would be greatly impacted.

Collaboration between our hunger-relief organizations, public health, and those administering the vaccine will be essential to planning for equitable and efficient distribution, addressing concerns, educating about and adhering to appropriate protocols.

The COVID-19 vaccine is a critical step toward ensuring the safety and health of staff, volunteers, and those accessing food resources. It also ensures that food banks have the capacity to continue distributions at this unprecedented rate to feed Wisconsinites experiencing hunger. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Debbie O'Connell





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On behalf of Mr. Lupe Martinez: