



December 14, 2020

Governor Charles Baker
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street, Room 280
Boston, MA 0213

Re: COVID 19 Vaccinations for NAGE front-line members

Dear Governor Baker:

We would like to commend you and your administration for the lifesaving work that has been done to protect NAGE members from COVID-19, by implementing health and safety protocols to ensure a safe work environment.

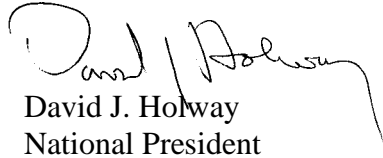
As you know, NAGE represents approximately 15,000 state employees across hundreds of agencies and employers. NAGE has a diverse membership that includes many front-line workers who provide public safety, work with inmates at the DOC, care for the most vulnerable within EHS and state hospitals, and many who work directly with the public. It is for that reason that I am requesting that NAGE members in these positions be given priority access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Given the infection rate in the Department of Correction, the state hospitals and Soldiers Homes, we are requesting priority for the COVID-19 vaccine as we believe it is critical to preserve the continuous operation for these agencies, and to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 to the staff and to those in their care. We know that our members working in these facilities are indispensable and have worked throughout the pandemic in a continuously high-risk environment.


Additionally, NAGE represents other public-facing, core service workers across state government, including the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Workers in positions at the RMV and highway workers interact with the general public daily and have continuously worked to provide critical services throughout the pandemic, integral to keeping the Commonwealth running. Our members across the state provide services in-person for some of the most vulnerable citizens of the Commonwealth, conduct safety inspections, oversee hearings for crucial services and benefits, to name just a few. I respectfully request that all NAGE members who are engaged in the public-facing work that is critical to the operation of the state have phase one access to the vaccine to ensure their safety.

Thank you for your consideration and as always, I am available to discuss this matter at your convenience.

Sincerely,




David J. Holway
National President




Theresa McGoldrick
President, Local 207



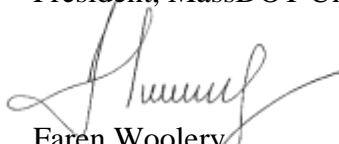
Chris Cook
President, Local 282



John Mann
President, MassDOT Unit 1/Local 292



Leo Munroe
President, MassDOT Unit 3/Local 219



Faren Woolery
President, MassDOT Unit D/Local 368