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葛謨州長致函衛生與公共服務部部長，敦促公平、迅速分發新冠肺炎疫苗的計畫

安德魯 M. 葛謨州長和一個團體聯盟今天向衛生與公共服務部部長亞曆克斯·阿紮 (Alex Azar) 發出信函，呼籲制定公平合理的聯邦疫苗接種計畫。目前的聯邦分配計畫仍然集中在錯誤的分配計畫，忽視了黑人、棕色人種、亞洲人和貧窮社區。在葛謨州長的領導下，紐約州努力修改計畫，讓社區和宗教領袖參與其中，增強對疫苗的信心，並協助向這些歷來得不到充分服務的社區分發疫苗。

「隨著新冠肺炎 (COVID-19) 疫苗接種計畫的開始，我繼續敦促聯邦政府修改計畫，在受疫情影響最嚴重的社區實行公平分配，」葛謨州長表示。「在新冠肺炎期間，黑人、西班牙裔、亞裔和低收入社區付出的代價最高。長期以來，醫療機構的服務水準一直很低，現在聯邦政府應該調整計畫，重點為這些社區提供高品質的護理和疫苗。由於第一輪疫苗最早將於下週分發，我們不能浪費時間。我敦促政府迅速採取行動，提供解決方案。」
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尊敬的阿扎部長：

我們一致對特朗普 (Trump) 政府的疫苗分配計畫表示嚴重關切。雖然我們對最近有關疫苗效力的報告感到鼓舞，但仍有迫切的工作要做，以確保疫苗接種工作既迅速又公平。

各州州長需要聯邦資金來執行全面的分發計畫，以確保所有社區都能獲得疫苗。州和地區衛生官員協會 (Association of State and Territorial Health Officials) 估計，全面的疫苗分發計畫將花費大約 80 億美元。到目前為止，特朗普政府只向各州提供 2 億美元資金。

沒有足夠的資金，分配就不會公平。新冠肺炎暴露了我國長期存在的醫療差異，導致有色社區過重地遭受這種病毒的折磨。有色人種中絕大多數人都患有預先存在的疾病，如哮喘、肥胖和高血壓，而這些疾病又加重了病毒的危害——美國黑人死于冠狀病毒的比率是美國白人的兩倍，拉丁裔的死亡率是白人的 1.5 倍。根本的現實是，有色人種社區缺乏獲得醫療機構和服務的機會。但在目前的形式下，特朗普政府的疫苗計畫依賴於私人醫療機構，這些機構歷來排斥黑人和棕色人種社區。依靠有缺陷、有偏見的系統，政府的做法只會進一步擴大在醫療結果方面的現有差距。

幫助這個國家度過這次疫情最嚴重時期的必需的工作人員主要是有色人種。他們尤其應該享受國家疫苗計畫，以確保他們得到保護。

下方簽字人、全美城市聯盟 (National Urban League) 主席兼執行長馬克·莫瑞爾 (Marc Morial) 表示，特朗普政府的計畫「欠考慮、粗心大意，需要重新考慮。」下方簽字人、全美有色人種協進會 (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP) 主席兼執行長德里克·詹森 (Derrick Johnson) 表示，「任何缺乏我們所知的在黑人社區內有效的基礎設施的疫苗計畫的引入都加劇了同樣的無能，這種無能影響了在這場全球疫情中被忽視的太多社區。」下方簽字人、全國行動網路 (National Action Network) 主席兼創始人阿爾·夏普頓 (Al Sharpton) 牧師表示，「我以前看過這部電影。許多美國黑人生活在醫療沙漠，在其所在的地區沒有醫院或醫療中心。在冠狀病毒危機期間，這嚴重傷害了我們。這種不公平的待遇即將再次發生。我不認為我們會看到基於聯邦計畫的疫苗的平等分配。這個問題必須立即解決。」

在死於冠狀病毒的名單上排名第一的黑色和棕色社區不可能在接受疫苗的名單上排名最後。我們的聯邦政府需要挺身而出，提供世界級的疫苗接種計畫，迅速而全面地覆蓋到缺乏服務的有色社區。單靠私人市場是無能為力的。我們需要爭取宗教組織、社區團體和紮根于黑人、棕色人種和貧困社區的當地非營利組織來完成這一任務。我們需要資金來做到這一點。

在每個人都能獲得疫苗之前，這次疫情不會結束，我們的國家也不會真正安全。特朗普政府必須實施一項不讓任何社區掉隊的全國疫苗計畫，而且現在必須這樣做。時間很短。我們隨時準備與你們的團隊和聯邦政府合作，執行一項符合美國人民利益的疫苗接種計畫。

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