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Robert Fenton
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Dear Mr. Fenton:

We write to thank the Biden Administration for its continued support of vaccination efforts across the City of Houston and Harris County, and for choosing Houston as one of the first federal pilot Community Vaccination Centers (CVC). The CVC at NRG Park is an important part of our community response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For that reason, we support Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner's request for continued Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) support of the CVC at NRG Park until May 31, 2021.

The CVC has had a tremendous impact in our community and has vaccinated approximately 6,000 people per day since it opened on February 24. It has furthered our shared objective of equitable distribution of vaccines and support for populations at highest risk. According to the initial demographic data, the CVC has vaccinated two times more African American and Hispanic residents than other vaccination sites across Harris County.

As Judge Hidalgo and Mayor Turner explain in their letter, however, despite this vital work, only 12.1% of eligible Harris County have been vaccinated. Continued operation of the CVC at NRG Park is vital to our community's efforts to reach herd immunity and beat the virus. In the first city in the country to document all of the emerging variants of the virus, a sustained and effective vaccination program is essential.

The CVC at NRG Park represents our commitment to working together at all levels of government to ensure people in our community are vaccinated and to help end the pandemic. Even with the strides we have made since the site opened, continued support from FEMA is necessary to our recovery efforts.

It is for these reasons that we request an extension of FEMA support for the CVC at NRG Park and our efforts to combat COVID-19.

Sincerely,



Lizzie Fletcher
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