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President Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

Today, your Press Secretary made concerning comments about government intrusion into Americans' health care privacy, saying, "The president will outline the five areas his team is focused on to get more Americans vaccinated. One, targeted community-by-community, door-to-door outreach to get remaining Americans vaccinated by ensuring they have the information they need on how both safe and accessible the vaccine is."

I, along with many Arizonans, was greatly alarmed by your White House indicating that it might be in possession of medical records revealing the contact information for Americans who have not been vaccinated. If this is the case, this is a severe breach of privacy, and I will not tolerate such intrusions within Arizona.

The COVID-19 vaccines have been a great breakthrough. In a matter of months, the scientific community, working in conjunction with public-private partnerships, was able to develop, test, and administer a historic vaccine to help end the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, Americans trust medical researchers and their family doctors to provide information and recommendations to make personal decisions but they do not trust government intrusion or the politicization of the health care process. If Americans are on the fence about taking the COVID-19 vaccine, it would be most inappropriate for bureaucrats to single them out – regardless of motives or intentions.

Health care decisions like the COVID-19 vaccine should be a choice for all Americans. Government has worked around the clock to make these vaccines available to those who want one, and that is commendable, but it cannot go too far. Let's keep the bureaucrats out of American neighborhoods and keep these health care decisions between people and their trusted medical professionals.

Respectfully,

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