

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

Thank you for your attention to the needs of the state of Ohio throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. You and your administration have been responsive to the requests both from the state's Congressional delegation and from Governor Mike DeWine.

As we head into the start of the annual flu season, it will be critical for Ohioans to quickly be able to determine whether the symptoms they are experiencing are due to COVID-19 or the seasonal flu. Furthermore, it remains an urgent priority that we have the necessary testing capabilities to readily identify asymptomatic spreaders of the virus. Rapid testing that is affordable and ubiquitous will help control the spread of the coronavirus and ensure our health care system and government leaders have the most up to date information in order to make more informed decisions.

This past week, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Abbott BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card rapid test. This test can provide results within 15 minutes and has demonstrated a sensitivity of 97.1% and specificity of 98.5%. We were pleased to see the Department of Health and Human Services announce the purchase of 150 million of these tests for delivery over the next few months as they will serve as a significant tool in speeding up our nation's recovery and restoring Americans' confidence in the future.

We respectfully request that the state of Ohio receive at least 5 million tests in a timely manner to help the state better respond to the pandemic. These tests will serve as a critical tool as the state works to safely reopen schools, test high risk Ohioans, and strengthen our economic recovery. We thank you for your attention to this request and look forward to continuing working with the administration on behalf of all Ohioans.

Sincerely,



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