Horry County Legislative Delegation

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January 15, 2021

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham 290 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Graham:

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While we understand that the entire country is competing for the vaccines, South Carolina's allocation of vaccine doses is only 28 doses per 1,000 by the CDC, while the overall country average is 46 doses per 1,000. This is not acceptable, and it will continue to cause our vaccine supply to be gridlocked. As of the second SC DHEC Press Release on January 14, 2021, SC DHEC and SC LLR expanded the number of medical professionals who may administer the COVID-19 vaccines. While we applaud this major effort, South Carolina is simply not receiving enough vaccine doses to make this a reality. We have spoken with many of our local hospitals and health care workers who more than ready and prepared to administer more vaccines, but they simply do not have it.

We are seeking your assistance in helping our communities and others statewide to receive more vaccine doses so that our medical professionals can vaccinate more South Carolinians more efficiently and effectively. The sooner we can receive more doses, the earlier our communities can begin to heal from this agonizing pandemic and our economy can bounce back quicker-as well.

We thank you for all that you are doing to help us during the process of the COVID-19 Pandemic recovery. Many thanks, too, for all that you do for South Carolina.

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