United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 15, 2021

Mr. Robert Fenton Senior Official Performing the Duties of Acting Administrator Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C St, SW Washington, DC 20472

Dear Mr. Fenton:

We write in support of recent requests from Governor Mike Parson and Mayor Quinton Lucas of Kansas City that FEMA establish a vaccination site in Kansas City through its Federal Pilot Community Vaccination Centers (CVC) program. We believe that a federally-supported center will complement existing efforts and help increase access to the COVID-19 vaccine throughout the region.

As the vaccine rollout continues, we are mindful that easy access to the vaccine close to home is one of the best ways to ensure that everyone who wants a vaccine can receive it. Drawing upon an additional vaccine supply from the federal government, a CVC will help to build upon the current rollout and allow more flexibility for both residents seeking the vaccine and state and local officials working on distribution. With this month's announcement that FEMA will help operate a vaccination site in the City of St. Louis for eight weeks, we believe that a parallel effort in Kansas City will facilitate more vaccine access for more Missourians, especially for individuals at high risk for the disease living in the region.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request to help accelerate Missouri's recovery from the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Josh Hawley

U.S. Senator

Roy Blunt U.S. Senator

CC:

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