



December 17, 2020

Dear Governor,

Transdev is a private sector company that safely and efficiently operates transportation systems on behalf of public transit agencies in 200 communities, in your state and 25 others. We operate transit systems in major cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Boston, Atlanta, Denver, Phoenix, Washington D.C., and Baltimore – including bus, paratransit, streetcar and shuttle services. We have over 15,000 employees and provide over 150 million passenger trips annually in the U.S. More than 80% of our workforce is currently represented by a union.

As you consider the allocation of the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, we ask that you prioritize frontline transit workers who transport people who can't work from home or don't have use of a car. These passengers often are essential workers going to work or accessing vital services such as medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies and more. Transit workers have delivered a valuable public service by providing continuous critical transportation throughout the pandemic. They are part an economic lifeline for millions who need transportation. In many locations, transit teams have also delivered food to the needy during the pandemic, in partnership with community service agencies such as Meals-on-Wheels and local food banks.

Beyond their valiant public service, there are other reasons to prioritize transit workers for early receipt of the vaccine. Bus operators, road supervisors and other frontline team members interact with the public every day and may run the risk of being exposed to passengers or co-workers who may be transmitters of the virus.

We hope that you will consider our request and recommendation to prioritize the ongoing health and safety of transit workers and honor the contributions they make to quality of life and economic access in communities across the country.

Sincerely,

Laura Hendricks
CEO Transdev, U.S.