



January 15, 2021

Governor Chris Sununu
State House
107 N. Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03303

Re: COVID-19 vaccinations for people in homeless shelters and senior subsidized housing

Dear Governor Sununu:

Thank you for all of your leadership in helping New Hampshire navigate this unprecedented pandemic. We are especially grateful for your support of housing stabilization, shelter decompression, and shelter testing.

Housing Action NH is seeking your support to specifically include homeless shelters and seniors in subsidized housing in Vaccine Allocation Phase 1B. As you articulated at your press conference yesterday, these are disproportionately impacted populations with health disparities. They are not only at risk due to their congregate setting, they are also likely to live with comorbidity risks and ongoing disabilities. Seniors in subsidized housing as well as those residing in homeless shelters lack access to transportation and would be best served through mobile vaccination clinics.

Direct care shelter staff and those serving seniors in subsidized housing should also be included to effectively stop the spread of Covid-19. These direct care workers are indeed front-line and essential. Attrition from illness or exposure threatens our ability to provide vital services and care.

We remain committed to sharing vital information with our housing community and working in partnership with your office to get through this crisis.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elissa Margolin".

Elissa Margolin, Director

CC: Commissioner Shibinette