

The Honorable Mike Pence  
Vice President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
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Dear Mr. Vice President:

Thank you for your work on the White House Coronavirus Task Force. We write today to urge you and the President to make full use of the Defense Production Act to scale up critical testing supplies, especially reagents so our cities can provide widespread, rapid, reliable testing to contain the spread of the virus. As the COVID-19 infection rate continues to rise in many of our communities and businesses require testing to protect their employees, the need for increased testing is critical to our response. Our national testing system must be able to rely on sustained supplies for the next 24 months.

As mayors, we have been on the frontlines of this pandemic. We have worked to build widespread testing capacity as a key element to our response as we work to reopen our economies and contain the spread of the virus. Increased testing has transformed how we're able to respond to rising cases in our communities. All of us have struggled for months for basic PPE, swabs, and viral transport medium (VTM). Now, labs around the country are facing a lack of adequate reagent supplies to complete this testing. Our capacity to test is approaching a point where our ability to perform tests outpaces lab capacity to run the tests based on limited reagent supplies. This is very concerning because obtaining test results quickly is critical for informing our contact tracing efforts and containing the spread of the virus. This deep into the coronavirus pandemic, we know further delays will have devastating consequences our ability to control the virus's spread and our communities.

We must continue to utilize and harness the innovation and ingenuity of American companies to manufacture and supply all of our needs from PPE to reagents to swabs. We ask that you take all necessary steps including making full use of the Defense Production Act to ensure that our supply chain functions effectively so that our labs have what they need to perform these crucial tests over the next 24 months. The need for testing supply chain effectiveness will continue as pandemic continues and we transition to mass producing a vaccine.

We appreciate your work to support our labs and manufacturers as we meet this unprecedented crisis in our communities.

Sincerely,

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