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## **VIA EMAIL**

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Re: Americans Skipping Their Second Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine

Dear Dr. Oliver and Dr. Talbot,

We write on behalf of the Informed Consent Action Network ("**ICAN**") regarding the large number of Americans who have not received their second COVID-19 mRNA vaccine dose.

CDC data reflects that nearly 32 million Americans appear to be behind on the two-dose COVID-19 mRNA vaccine schedule.

This number was calculated as follows:

Total receiving at least one dose as of January 30, 2022<sup>1</sup>: 249,892,470
Less fully vaccinated as of January 30, 2022<sup>2</sup>: 211,695,131
Total receiving only one dose vaccinated as of January 30, 2022: 38,197,339
Less total receiving one dose within 30 days before January 30, 2022<sup>3</sup>: 6,364,906
Total late receiving their second dose: 31,832,433

Peer reviewed studies reflect that patients may not complete a vaccine series because of a reaction after one of the doses.<sup>4</sup> Given the rate of reactions reported from the mRNA vaccines to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/cdc-covid-data-tracker-02.jpg.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/cdc-covid-data-tracker-04.jpg.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This was calculated by subtracting the total with at least one dose on December 30, 2021 (243,527,564) from the total with at least one dose as of January 30, 2022 (249,892,470). *See https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/cdc-covid-data-tracker-01.jpg*; <a href="https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/cdc-covid-data-tracker-02.jpg">https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/cdc-covid-data-tracker-02.jpg</a>. This number is likely smaller since Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine is given 21 days apart.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See, for example, Pittman, et al., Anthrax vaccine: Immunogenicity and Safety of a Dose-Reduction, Route-Change Comparison Study in Humans, Vaccine (Jan 31 2002), <a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410">https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410</a>

v-safe, VAERS, and other vaccine safety monitoring platforms, reactions from mRNA vaccines could be the most parsimonious explanation for why a significant percent of those receiving the first dose of mRNA vaccine have not returned for their second dose.

Please explain why nearly 32 million Americans receiving their first dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine have apparently chosen to not timely return to receive their second dose.

Please provide a response on or before February 10, 2022. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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