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Re: *Follow-up Regarding Individuals Who Skipped Their Second Dose of Covid-19 Vaccine*

Dear Drs. Bhattacharya, Levi, Oliver, and Makary:

I hope this letter finds you all well. We write on behalf of Informed Consent Action Network (“**ICAN**”) to revisit a question which we wrote to CDC about on February 7, 2022, and May 23, 2022. In those letters, we asked the agencies to explain **why did millions of Americans take one Covid-19 mRNA dose, and never return for the second dose?**

Those letters—attached here as Exhibits 1 and 2—were met with silence. As those letters explain, CDC data showed that more than 38 million Americans failed to complete the two-dose schedule during the height of the pandemic. Put differently, more than one in ten individuals who began the mRNA Covid-19 vaccination series never completed it. The concern is obvious.

This reflects that patients discontinued a widely promoted medical regimen at scale. When tens of millions make the same decision, it suggests that something meaningful is likely driving this result. Whether this reflects adverse events, perceived adverse reactions, or other safety-related concerns is a question that warrants formal evaluation.

While the prior Administration failed to explain this discrepancy, ICAN hopes and respectfully requests that the current administration explain why millions of Americans who received their first dose chose not to timely receive their second dose.

Very truly yours,



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# **EXHIBIT 1**

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February 7, 2022

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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> :	<u>211,695,131</u>
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> :	<u>6,364,906</u>
<b>Total late receiving their second dose:</b>	<b>31,832,433</b>

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

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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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## **EXHIBIT 2**

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May 23, 2022

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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 Informed Consent Action Network (“ICAN”) to follow-up on our letter dated February 7, 2022, attached hereto,<sup>1</sup> regarding the large number of Americans who have not received their second COVID-19 mRNA vaccine dose.

As of that date, CDC data reflected that nearly 32 million Americans were behind on the two-dose COVID-19 mRNA vaccine schedule. We asked that you address the concern that these millions of Americans did not receive a second dose because of an adverse event after the first dose. You have yet to respond to that request.

Since then, the CDC data reflects that the number of Americans not receiving their second dose has grown larger. Recent data shared by the CDC states, “About 78% of people in the United States have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 66.5% are fully vaccinated.”<sup>2</sup> This means that approximately 11.5% of people -- over 38 million Americans -- are eligible for a second dose and have not received one.

As noted in our prior letter, peer reviewed studies reflect that patients may not complete a vaccine series because of a reaction after one of the doses.<sup>3</sup> Given the rate of reactions reported

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<sup>1</sup> Attachment 1.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC\\_2145-DM82459&ACSTrackingLabel=5.20.2022%20-%20COVID-19%20Data%20Tracker%20Weekly%20Review&deliveryName=USCDC\\_2145-DM82459](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_2145-DM82459&ACSTrackingLabel=5.20.2022%20-%20COVID-19%20Data%20Tracker%20Weekly%20Review&deliveryName=USCDC_2145-DM82459).

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from the mRNA vaccines to 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.

Given this concern, ICAN again asks that the CDC explain why it believes millions of Americans receiving their first dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine have apparently chosen to not timely receive their second dose. **Kindly provide a response on or before May 31, 2022.** We look forward to hearing from you.

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# ATTACHMENT 1

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