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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Pennsylvania Department of Health to prioritize the
2 vaccination of vulnerable populations and essential workers
3 over legislators and other public officials who may work
4 remotely.

5 WHEREAS, Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than
6 500,000 people in Pennsylvania have contracted COVID-19 and more
7 than 12,000 have died; and

8 WHEREAS, The development of COVID-19 vaccines and the
9 issuance of emergency use authorizations are signs of hope that
10 the COVID-19 pandemic will soon come to an end; and

11 WHEREAS, The distribution of vaccines remains a challenge and
12 health authorities must prioritize vulnerable groups and those
13 most likely to contract COVID-19; and

14 WHEREAS, Residents of long-term care facilities, health care
15 workers, teachers, service employees, staff at medical
16 facilities, transportation workers, food supply workers and many
17 others who may not be able to work from home and are regularly
18 exposed to other individuals because of their jobs or residences
19 should be prioritized for vaccination; and

1 WHEREAS, Individuals who are not at increased risk for
2 medical complications due to COVID-19 and who can work from home
3 should not receive undue prioritization for vaccination; and

4 WHEREAS, Members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly and
5 other public officials should choose to work remotely for the
6 duration of the pandemic to avoid contracting and exposing
7 others to COVID-19 and should not accept any prioritization for
8 COVID-19 vaccination over others who cannot work remotely or are
9 otherwise exposed because of their residence; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
11 Pennsylvania Department of Health to prioritize the vaccination
12 of vulnerable populations and essential workers over legislators
13 and other public officials who may work remotely.