

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 4, 2021

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS Capital Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Many of our constituents have been successful in receiving vaccines here in the Hudson Valley, but today I write to address a concerning disparity between Orange County and the rest of the state. Per state statistics, Orange County is the second lowest percentage of vaccinations per population out of all counties in New York. As of March 2nd, the county had 10.3% of the total population with at least one vaccine dose. This trails the statewide average by 4.9%, and the Mid-Hudson average by 4.4%.

Orange County has been working hard to increase the infrastructure and ability to vaccinate their residents. Between the county health department, primary physicians and physician groups, town-sponsored vaccination programs, and healthcare organizations the county is prepared and ready to provide thousands more vaccines a week than the State has allocated

Orange County has a large population of first responders – police officers, paramedics, EMTs and firefighters. These residents serve the lower Hudson Valley and the city boroughs keeping New York communities streets safe and our residents serviced. Orange County residents who are most in need of the vaccine, including seniors and those with comorbidities also suffer from hardships in trying to travel across county lines, or from rural county areas to cities to receive the vaccine. Increasing the supply in the county will allow these residents greater and easier access to the life-saving vaccine.

Sincerely,



Sean Patrick Maloney
Member of Congress

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Steve Neuhaus
Orange County Executive

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Mike Martucci
NY State Senator

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NY State Senator

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