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To RFK Jr. and Members of the CDC ACIP committee:

I have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

My strong preference for science and data driven public health policy seems in conflict with this administration's use of ideologically determined policies that undermine the public well being.

Please return the CDC to its rightful place as a science and data driven organization. I am particularly opposed to the recent dismissal of the entire ACIP advisory committee. Replacing these experts with individuals whose main qualification is being anti-vaccine will not lead to healthy policies. Making decisions regarding vaccine availability based on bias or preconceived positions is harmful to public health.

I am over 65 and thankfully the policies recently imposed restricting access to COVID vaccinations do not directly impact me. However, they do have an extremely negative impact on my family and friends. A group that includes people with underlying health issues that exacerbate the damage that any COVID infection may cause. Why should my friends and my adult children and my grandchildren not also have the protection provided by the vaccines?

Several members of my group have already had one or more episodes with the COVID virus. Both a relative and a friend have dealt with long COVID. Each subsequent infection with COVID increases the likelihood of long COVID. Making the resistance provided by the vaccine even more important to help avoid lifelong negative impacts.

Please restore universal access to the COVID vaccine, barriers to access as the new NB.1.8.1 variant surges is not smart policy!

Thank you for reading my inputs.