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House of Representatives
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Admiral Brett Giroir, M.D.,
Assistant Secretary for Health
Department of Health and Human Services
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Washington, DC 20201

The Honorable Pete T. Gaynor
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Admiral Giroir and Administrator Gaynor

We write to request that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) continue to support the two community-based testing sites (CBTS) in Dallas.

We appreciate the federal assistance that has been provided for the two CBTS locations at the Ellis David Field House and the American Airlines Center that serve the Dallas community. However, federal support for the two sites is scheduled to end on May 30, 2020. Closing the CBTS could cause Dallas County to lose 1,000 tests a day. These testing sites provide critical testing capacity for North Texans, as we work to control the spread of COVID-19.

Unfortunately, Dallas County is still seeing high rates of COVID-19. Yesterday, Dallas County reported 253 new COVID-19 cases, tying the record of daily positive new cases set on May 5, 2020. For the last nine consecutive days, the county has reported more than 230 new COVID-19 cases each day. The test kits and lab services provided at the two CBTS are key resources for the Dallas community. North Texas cannot afford to lose federal support at this time, which is why we are respectfully requesting that FEMA and HHS continue their federal support of the two CBTS locations in Dallas.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Colin Allred
Member of Congress

Eddie Bernice Johnson
Member of Congress