June 4, 2021

President Joseph Biden Jr. 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Mobilizing the G7 to Advance Comprehensive Action to End the Global COVID Pandemic

Dear President Biden:

Thank you for your June 3 announcement unveiling the US's global COVID-19 vaccine sharing strategy and confirming that 75% of the US's 80M donated doses will go through COVAX. This generous donation makes the US the largest contributor of vaccines to date and has helped the US reclaim its role as the world's global health leader.

While this action is important, as you know we are still far from defeating this pandemic. This pandemic will not be over anywhere until it is over everywhere, and that means getting COVID vaccines, tests, and treatments to every country, as quickly and equitably as possible.

The upcoming G7 Summit is a vital opportunity for the US to spearhead a multilateral effort to create a comprehensive response plan and mobilize other G7 countries to make significant commitments.

We urge you to ensure that any new global action plan include the following:

1. FULLY FUNDING ACT-A:

G7 leaders should commit to <u>fully funding each pillar of the Access to COVID-19 Tools</u> <u>Accelerator</u> (ACT-A) to ensure developing countries have the diagnostics, vaccines, therapeutics, and health systems support that are fundamental to ending the pandemic everywhere.

2. SHARING MORE DOSES SOONER:

G7 countries will have billions of excess doses, even after vaccinating 70% of their own populations, so we urge the G7 to <u>commit to donate at least 1 billion doses by the end</u> <u>of August.</u> We project that the US contribution should be at least 350M doses.

Establishing a plan to donate additional excess doses to low-income countries throughout the remainder of 2021, in parallel to vaccination efforts at home, is essential for curbing global COVID transmissions, denying the virus the space to spawn more variants, and achieving global herd immunity.

3. INCREASING VACCINE PRODUCTION

We appreciate your momentous decision to back a WTO proposal that would temporarily suspend intellectual property (IP) protections on COVID-19 vaccines to help increase vaccine supply, and we urge you to press this case at the G7 and to push manufacturers to engage in wider, more open, and better coordinated global production and distribution of vaccines. Moreover, at the G7 Summit it is time to end vaccine nationalism: governments should remove direct and indirect export- and import-control measures that block, restrict or slow down exports of COVID-19 vaccines, ingredients and supplies.

We thank you again for your leadership and, 15 months into this pandemic, urge you to seize the G7 Summit opportunity to finally mobilize the multilateral cooperation essential for ending this pandemic.

Sincerely,

| Better World Campaign | Pandemic Action Network |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| FIND | RESULTS |
| Global Citizen | Save the Children |
| Global Health Technologies Coalition | Shot@Life |
| GOAL USA Fund | The Borgen Project |
| Management Sciences for Health | United Nations Association of the USA |
| ONE | |

Cc: US G7 Sherpa Daleep Singh