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Honorable Tony Evers
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Dear Governor Evers,

As the father of a daughter with Down syndrome and a policymaker who cares deeply for the welfare and health of Wisconsinites living with cognitive and physical disabilities, I believe it is imperative the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee place this vulnerable population and its caregivers near the top of the list for covid vaccine distribution.

Recently, the CDC recognized those with Down syndrome are in the highest risk category for potentially serious complications from the virus.

As distribution of the vaccine expands, we have an opportunity and obligation to prioritize those at highest risk. It is critical Wisconsin's disability community, their caregivers and coworkers, who continue to enrich our state, have early access to the most beneficial tool in fighting this pandemic. Please place those with cognitive and physical disabilities and people who work with them at home, in work centers, and in community employment in schedule 1B for vaccine distribution.

We are at a critical time and place in history. Let those who revisit this moment recognize the dignity with which we treated our fellow citizens of all abilities and the value that was placed on all lives during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Jagler". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

State Representative John Jagler