

December 4, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

We at CALSAGA thank you for your extraordinary leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. You have not hesitated to take necessary actions and issue appropriate orders to protect our state.

CALSAGA represents over 300,000 security officer professionals in the State of California, all of which are critical workers with the majority working in high risk settings with substantial interaction with the public. Security guards are an essential part of society including substantially reducing the impact on law enforcement personnel. They are workers who are at a substantially higher risk of exposure to Covid-19 and are unable to telecommute or work from home. Their roles include providing security at hospitals, distribution centers, retail establishments, in the transportation sector, at financial institutions, within educational environments and are equivalent to those of other front-line workers who need to remain free of the Coronavirus and available to provide essential services to our society.

We are asking you to strongly consider placing the security industry employee in the same tier for Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution as law enforcement and first responder personnel. It is essential that security remain intact and employees are ready to work.

Again, Governor, thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times. We stand willing to work with you to protect California.

Sincerely,



David Chandler
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