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**From:** The Undersigned Petitioners

**To:** Senator Ron Johnson and Vice President James David Vance

**Re:** Petition for conference meeting on the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and future pandemic response

Dear Vice President James David Vance and Senator Ron Johnson,

We are writing to petition a conference meeting, to be co-Chaired by Senator Ron Johnson and Vice President James David Vance. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss our hopes to prevent another similar horrific event after the COVID-19 tragedy. To introduce this conference, we wish to present President Donald Trump with a copy of the landmark book "*Controversies in the Pandemic*", a joint product of health leaders in the United States and India, which was published during the Summer of 2024 by Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers.

Dr. Christopher de Souza is the senior editor of the book, together with Dr. Jose Iglesias of the Rutgers Health Community Medical Center, and he has informed us that he is eager to travel from India and meet in person with both President Trump and Vice President Vance. A special binding of the book has been produced by the publisher to be presented as a gift in honor of President Trump. The book features an introduction by Robert F Kennedy Jr, Senator Ron Johnson, and Dr. Randeep Guleria, the former director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India. Included are 34 chapters contributed by 58 contributors, all academic scientists or practicing medical doctors, from the United States, India, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, South Africa, France, Italy, Austria, and Greece. The contributed chapters review a wide range of pandemic-related topics where there was confusion, uncertainty, and fluctuating opinions, including the origin of COVID-19 and Gain-of-Function research, the development, safety, and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, controversies about several proposed therapies for pre-hospital and hospitalized COVID-19 patients, the complications arising from long-covid syndrome and vaccine injuries, and the deleterious role of government, corporate, and academic censorship in pandemic response. The book is an invaluable resource for the retrospective critical appraisal of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Senator Ron Johnson has been the leader in Congress in understanding the COVID-19 tragedy and the public health response to the disease and has previously chaired conferences devoted to fighting the disease. We hope that future leaders of the Trump administration, including Robert F. Kennedy Jr, Vivek Ramaswamy, Dr. Marty Makary, Dr. Janette Nesheiwat, Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, and Dr. Dave Weldon, will participate together with external experts, including Dr. Randeep Guleria (Head of the Indian Government's COVID-19 Taskforce), Dr. Prahlad Prabhudesai (Lilivati Hospital and Research Center), Drs. Paul Marik and Pierre Kory (Front Line Critical Care Consortium), Dr. Peter McCullough (McCullough Foundation), Dr. Harvey Risch (Yale University), Dr. Joseph Varon (University of Houston), and Dr. Michael Joyner (Mayo Clinic).

Although the acute phase of the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided, there remains the need to treat patients still suffering with long-covid syndrome and COVID-19 vaccine injuries, in addition to

patients with recurrent high-risk COVID-19 re-infections. On the policy front, topics for discussion during the conference meeting may include: (1) banning Gain-of-Function research and pivoting towards drug repurposing to close out the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and to counter future pandemics; (2) reversing the sanctions inflicted on the thought leaders that contributed ideas and discoveries for treating COVID-19 patients during the acute phase of the pandemic (including but not limited to Dr. Peter McCullough, Dr. Paul Marik, Dr. Pierre Kory, Dr. William Joyner), restoring them to their place of dignity, honoring the major thought leaders that are no longer with us (including but not limited to the late Dr. Vladimir Zelenko and the late Dr. Jacqueline C. Stone), and similarly reversing penalties inflicted on a large number of doctors who courageously treated their patients to the best of their ability; (3) reversing the draconian COVID-19 vaccine mandates and implementing safeguards to ensure that Americans are never confronted again with the choice between their livelihood (the inalienable right to pursuit of happiness) and accepting a mandated medical product under coercion and/or in violation of informed consent; (4) changing the focus of foreign policy from reliance on Chinese industry and manufacturing (especially for pharmaceuticals) towards India, which is a peaceful democratic nation with the world's largest population, and exploring opportunities for business partnerships towards rebuilding the long-term self-sufficiency of the United States physical economy.

We are very encouraged by the promise of the incoming Trump administration for competent leadership to see our nation through these troubling times, and we are also encouraged and fully support the nomination of Robert F Kennedy Jr to serve as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. We would be indebted and grateful for your assistance in facilitating the requested conference.

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