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Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH,
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Dear Dr. Walensky,

I am writing to request a briefing as soon as possible to obtain clarification on the number of deaths due to COVID-19 vaccines. A growing number of my constituents believe that the COVID-19 vaccines have killed over 6,000 people. They appear to be basing their beliefs on the VAERS reports of deaths. It is vitally important that the public receive accurate information.

I understand the VAERS database accepts reports from any individual or provider; therefore, the data in VEARS is considered unverified. In order to provide accurate information to my constituents, I would like answers to the following questions:

- After reports of adverse events resulting from the COVID-19 vaccines are reported in VAERS, what is the verification process used to validate the cause/effect relationship of the event to the COVID-19 vaccination?
- Given that the VAERS data base contains unverified data, what is your agency doing to make the public aware of accurate, verified information regarding deaths and serious adverse events? Do you have an equally accessible data base of verified data?
- How many deaths are attributable to COVID-19 vaccines?
- Other than deaths, how many serious adverse events are attributable to COVID-19 vaccines?

My scheduler, Brendon Gallo (Brendon.gallo@mail.house.gov, 202-225-4576), will be able to coordinate with your office to find a mutually convenient time.

I look forward to talking with you.

Best regards,



Debbie Lesko
Member of Congress

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