

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.153

Senator Zorn offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Centers for Disease Control and
2 Prevention to prioritize Michigan as one of the first states to
3 receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

4 Whereas, The COVID-19 Pandemic has upended nearly every aspect
5 of the lives of people in Michigan and countries across the world.
6 It has caused a devastating loss of life and has struck a blow to
7 our communities, businesses, and the economy; and

8 Whereas, The development of COVID-19 vaccines is a beacon of
9 hope that offers the possibility of returning to a world free from
10 the concern that a simple gathering of family and friends will
11 spread the deadly virus; and

12 Whereas, On November 9, 2020, the pharmaceutical company
13 Pfizer, along with its partner BioNTech, announced their COVID-19

1 vaccine, which was found to be 95 percent effective in preventing
2 COVID-19 in Phase 3 clinical trials. The vaccine is expected to
3 soon begin production following approval from the U.S. Food and
4 Drug Administration; and

5 Whereas, The people of Michigan will play an integral role in
6 producing the vaccine for widespread use in the United States.
7 Pfizer's largest manufacturing site in the world is located in
8 Portage, Michigan, employing an estimated 2,200 Michigan residents.
9 Every year, the PGS Kalamazoo facility in Portage produces 1,200
10 metric tons of active pharmaceutical ingredients and ships 140
11 million units of life-saving medicines every year; and

12 Whereas, Michigan has been hard-hit by COVID-19. Michigan
13 ranks in the top ten states for the highest number of COVID-19
14 cases, deaths, and hospitalizations in November 2020; and

15 Whereas, The people of this state would benefit
16 extraordinarily from being prioritized as one of the first states
17 to receive the vaccine and deserve special consideration as
18 Michigan's dedicated residents work to supply our nation with this
19 much needed vaccine; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Centers for Disease
21 Control and Prevention to prioritize the state of Michigan in the
22 distribution of the first COVID-19 vaccine; and be it further

23 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
24 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.