



Tiománaí Tacsáí na hÉireann

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Mr Stephen Donnelly T.D.
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Department of Health
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Minister,

I am corresponding on behalf of the members of T.T.n.H. a representative body for taxi drivers. As you are aware the Covid 19 Pandemic has had serious consequences for our industry. At the onset of the Pandemic, we were categorised as essential workers under the National Transport Authority. During the emergency, many drivers continued to operate whether community based, providing services to the elderly cocooning, delivering prescriptions or providing carriage to essential front line workers.

Minister the Covid 19 vaccine is providing hope to many in difficult circumstances. We are very much aware of the phased roll out of the vaccine. It is our hope our Industry will not be forgotten, and our Industry is offered the Vaccine on a voluntary basis at the earliest opportunity.

Taxi drivers voluntarily receiving the vaccine would have an incredibly positive effect on our industry promoting safe travel and ensuring consumer confidence allowing our Industry to play its part in the much-needed economic revival. Taxi drivers allaying their experience of receiving the vaccine to customers would create a positive message around the vaccine and ultimately aid the roll out.

We would hope our Industry is not forgotten in exceedingly difficult circumstances.

Looking forward to your response.

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