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The Honorable Donald J. Trump President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Michael Pence Vice President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump, Vice President Pence & Members of the Coronavirus Task Force,

First and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your leadership during this time of crisis. We are certainly working during unprecedented times right now and I know ensuring the health and safety of all Americans remains your Administration's utmost priority – your efforts to that end, are to be highly commended.

With that said, this letter is provided to bring your attention to a promising treatment option that will help those inflicted by COVID-19 recover as well as to request the Federal Government's expedited review and approval of this potentially lifesaving drug.

Over two decades ago, Dr. John McMichael developed TML, a product that has since received United States Food and Drug Administration approval for use as a treatment for patients with herpes and influenza. Most recently, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, several physicians in Dr. McMichael's Beech Tree Labs network, offered TML to their COVID-19 patients as an "off label" treatment with much success – it has been reported that all infected patients who received TML for this purpose, recovered within 48 hours.

TML has already passed two trials with the United States Food and Drug Administration for treating herpes and influenza, meaning the drug has proven safe. However, for TML to be used as an authorized treatment for COVID-19 and be made accessible to all patients, its efficacy first needs to be confirmed. While I understand there has been some progress made in coordinating a "double-blind" test with a lab in Memphis, TN, it could be as many as ten days before this study even commences.

To that end, I am reaching out to urge your Administration to do everything prudently possible to relax bureaucratic requirements and expedite the testing and approval of this potentially life-saving treatment. In the instances where TML was provided "off label" to patients, the process was simple – a few drops on the tongue, no side effects, with symptoms resolved in as little as four hours. Simply put, to know that such a miraculous medication exists, one that has the potential to save thousands of lives, and not do everything in our power to immediately get it into the hands of those who need it the most, would be immoral.

New York State has been the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and desperately needs this relief, as do all Americans who are infected across the Country. I fully believe the sooner we can get TML into the hands of our dedicated medical personnel, the more lives will be saved from succumbing to this deadly pandemic.

Thank you for your attention this very important matter. I would be more than happy to speak with you about this in more depth and can be reached on my personal cell at your convenience at (518)365-1573. I look forward to hearing from you soon as time is of the essence.

Sincerely.

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Cc. Hon. Alex Azar, Secretary – U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Hon. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House – U.S. House of Representatives

Hon. Kevin McCarthy, Republican Leader – U.S. House of Representatives

Hon. Mitch McConnell, Republican Leader – U.S. Senate

Hon. Charles Schumer, Democratic Leader – U.S. Senate

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