

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20510

March 15, 2020

Vice President Mike Pence  
The White House  
Office of the Vice President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Vice President Pence:

We write to call on the Administration to provide critical assistance to the State of Minnesota in its efforts to respond to and mitigate the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

We have heard serious concerns from medical personnel in our State regarding the ability to process coronavirus testing due to the limited availability of needed components such as reagents and lab supplies. It is for that reason that we ask the Administration to assist our State in ensuring access to all supplies needed to process at least 15,000 tests per month. In addition, we urge you to take measures to address supply chain issues resulting in shortages of reagents, as deficiencies in testing components have forced the State to ration the number of tests performed at its public health laboratory.

We must do more to help prevent and respond swiftly to the spread of COVID-19. Ensuring adequate access to testing must be a vital part of that response.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent request.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Senator



Tina Smith  
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