Dear Member of Parliament,

I am a member of NAME Presbyterian Church in PLACE. I’m writing to express my appreciation that Canada is providing support for global vaccine equity through COVAX.

However, I am concerned about global vaccine equity, especially when it comes to prioritizing vaccine access for essential workers and the most vulnerable around the world. We currently have the global capacity, including all the vaccines and vaccine-producing capacity required, to vaccinate the world. Canada can provide leadership in encouraging the creation of a global vaccination plan that prioritizes equitable access to vaccines, including dose sharing and limiting booster shots until more of the global population is vaccinated.

I also encourage the rapid implementation of a redistribution and donation plan of Canada’s purchased and committed vaccine doses to COVAX to ensure a parallel global rollout. A global response to the COVID-19 pandemic must be timely and equitable if it is to be successful.

Along with rapid redistribution, I encourage Canadian support for the temporary TRIPS (Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) waiver at the World Trade Organization. This will ensure that trade regulations and licensing do not impede the timely manufacturing, distribution and affordability of vaccines. It will also allow for an increased vaccine supply that is not as dependent on donations of vaccines from wealthier countries.

Alongside these actions, I encourage Canada to continue to support health systems strengthening and a coordinated global health response as part of Official Development Assistance, with funding specially designated for local and community-based health organizations.

Will you support these important steps for global vaccine equity? I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[your name here]