

HOUSE No. 2394

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act ensuring fair and appropriate distribution of vaccines during a public health emergency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2394) of David M. Rogers and others relative to ensuring fair and appropriate distribution of vaccines during public health emergencies. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act ensuring fair and appropriate distribution of vaccines during a public health emergency.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 5A 1/2, the following section:—

3 Section 5A 3/4 - Notwithstanding any general or special law to contrary, Whenever the
4 commissioner determines that the inoculation of the general public by, or the administration to
5 the general public of, any antitoxin, serum, vaccine or other analogous product is essential in the
6 interest of the public health, and that supply for universal administration is insufficient, the
7 department shall ensure that funeral home directors and funeral workers are included in the same
8 category as health care providers in terms of prioritization of access.