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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
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Secretary Becerra,

I write to you regarding Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP). I have heard from many individuals in my home state about the issues they are having with the program. These Georgians report burdensome requirements to get their claims reviewed, long delays in receiving a claim decision, and high rates of unfavorable decisions. The delays and uncertainty within this program have placed extraordinary financial and personal burdens on individuals who must now care for their loved ones without the assistance of this program.

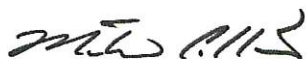
This is unacceptable. This administration has repeatedly encouraged, and in some cases, unconstitutionally mandated Americans to take the COVID-19 vaccine. It appears that in many cases, individuals, including many Georgians, have followed the urging of this administration, and taken a COVID-19 vaccine and suffered side-effects. When they reported these side effects, they were first silenced by your Agency, censored on social media, and abandoned by this administration when they sought help.

Now that millions of Americans have taken the vaccine, it is the responsibility of your Agency to provide necessary financial assistance to individuals who have suffered side-effects from a COVID vaccine. As such, I seek answers to the following questions:

1. How many claims has the department denied under the CICP?
2. How many claims has the department approved?
3. What action is being taken to make the application process more streamlined and easier to navigate for individual Americans?
4. What actions are being taken by the administration to provide assistance to the individuals who have taken a vaccine at your urging or mandating and are now suffering from side effects?
5. What can Congress do to fix the CICP program?

I respectfully request answers to these questions by March 1, 2023. I thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mike Collins
Member of Congress