May 12, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden,
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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RE: COVID-19 India

President Biden,

We are extremely concerned with regards to India's deadly COVID-19 second wave. India is now the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic. Today marked India's deadliest day, with 4,205 deaths reported, carrying the total number of confirmed deaths to more than 250,000 fatalities. The sharp increase in cases has overwhelmed India's healthcare system. We must do our part to quell the virus everywhere it persists.

Reflecting the strength of the U.S.-India relationship, we thank you for ordering the delivery of supplies worth more than $100 million to provide urgent relief to India. From oxygen support, personal protective equipment (PPE), rapid diagnostic tests, to therapeutics, U.S. support for India is a testament to the seven decades of U.S.-India health partnership. Our support for India to help beat back this latest wave is in the U.S. national interest as the pandemic will not end anywhere until it ends everywhere. As U.S. assistance is delivered to India, we ask that you ensure the supplies are getting to those most in need.

India still desperately requires several items, most notably oxygen and oxygen production equipment. The images and stories of patients in desperate need of oxygen with nowhere to turn put a human face on India's urgent need for this equipment. Thus, we would welcome your immediate attention to provide India with the following items:

- Oxygen Cylinders, 10 liters and 45 liters Liquid Medical Oxygen Capacity
- Oxygen Concentrators
- Oxygen Generator Plants
- Cryogenic Oxygen Tanker/Container

In addition to oxygen and related systems, India also needs several other items including:

- Remdesivir
- Tocilizumab
• Ventilators/BiPAP

We sincerely appreciate your effort to provide India in the coming days with the additional supplies listed above.

It is also in the U.S. interest for everyone in India to be vaccinated. To the extent it is possible, we hope that you will work to provide India with vaccines. With this in mind, we welcome recently announced plans to make available sources of raw materials to help India manufacture more vaccines. Further, we ask that you share with India surplus doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine as soon as possible.

As you continue to assess the situation in India, we ask that you consider fulfilling the additional needs outlined above. We thank you again for your commitments to date to support India through this COVID crisis, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to advance the U.S.-India relationship.

Sincerely,

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