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Brothers and Sisters,

We are aware that a broadcast message was sent out this week by the Judiciary in reference to the NJ Department of Health vaccine distribution.

As your representatives we believe that this was appropriate for the Judiciary to provide us with the resource links to the Department of Health's website. However, we do not believe Probation Officers and Supervisor's belong in the 1C category.

The Judiciary has classified you as an essential employee and has continued to send you out into the community to serve the public. We know that is risky not only for you but for your family during the pandemic. We believe strongly that the Judiciary should have requested through the Department of Health for you to receive the vaccine in the 1B tier.

In that vein we have made a request through the Department of Health that you be moved to the 1B category. We have also mobilized our lobbyists to act on PANJ's behalf to move you into the 1B category.

As soon as we receive more information, we will pass it along. Please continue to stay safe.

In Solidarity,

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