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Dear Mr. Winstead:

I am writing to request your cooperation and assistance in the Department of Labor's (DOL) implementation of our *Pandemic Influenza Preparation and Response Plan*. As you know, the President's Homeland Security Council has directed all 67 Federal departments and agencies to develop plans pursuant to the *National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza*, released by the President on November 1, 2005, and the *National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan*, released in early May 2006. DOL is dedicated to implementing these plans and contributing to the nation's pandemic influenza planning nationally and regionally.

The *National Strategy* outlines four major goals, one of which is to allocate resources to protect employees and customers during a flu pandemic. It further states that agencies should provide and make available to employees sufficient infection control supplies, including hand sanitizers. As part of DOL's efforts to ensure the safety of our employees, we have placed alcohol-based gel dispensers (hand sanitizers) in common areas—away from lavatory facilities with soap and water available—throughout the Department's Headquarters at the Frances Perkins Building in Washington, D.C. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance indicates that deployment of alcohol-based gel hand sanitizers in this fashion offers significant infection control, and last month they commended the Department of Labor for our efforts in this regard.

An equal measure of protection is due to our DOL employees located throughout the country in regional offices owned by or managed through the General Services Administration (GSA). Toward this end, I ask that you alert the appropriate regional GSA personnel to the aforementioned DOL and National plans and provide appropriate guidance to them about assisting the Department with the implementation of effective infection control measures. As a Federal community, it is incumbent upon us all to work proactively and cooperatively as a team to implement this important Presidential initiative.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. We look forward to your favorable consideration and prompt action to facilitate this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (202) 693-4040 or contact me by email at Pizzella.patrick@dol.gov

Sincerely,

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