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Dear Mayor Kenney,

Members of the Philadelphia House Delegation were alarmed to hear that a partnership between the Philadelphia Department of Public Health and a group called Philly Fighting COVID, might have led to the sale of personal information of Philadelphia residents who thought they were registering for the COVID-19 vaccine. It is also now being alleged that the CEO of Philly Fighting COVID may have taken vaccine home to an off-site location.

We ask that the city and the Department of Public Health get answers to these questions at once. We hope that these allegations are not true, but if one or both are, the residents of Philadelphia deserve swift action and an extensive review of how this was permitted to happen.

At one time the city encouraged Philadelphians to register on Philly Fighting COVID site. It is also being reported that the city may have also encouraged medical professionals to work and partner with Philly Fighting COVID. On what merits was Philly Fighting COVID chosen? How did Philly Fighting COVID, run by people without any medical experience, get this contract over say Dr. Ala Stanford, founder of Philadelphia's Black Doctor COVID-19 Consortium? What data exists on the number of Black and Latino people that have received the vaccine?

Who was there to make sure those running Philly Fighting COVID were operating appropriately at both their testing and vaccination sites, confirming their privacy policy was up to department standards and ensuring that vaccine was being handled properly and that it was not leaving the site?

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We are hopeful that those running Philly Fighting COVID will do as they say and perform an audit to prove their claims that no personal information was shared. We would also hope that the Department of Public Health performs an investigation into whether vaccine was taken off site. The Department should do their own internal audit to make sure that they have the mechanisms in place to prevent this from ever happening again.

We would like an opportunity to discuss these questions with you and Dr. Farley at the earliest convenience.

Sincerely, the Democratic Members of the Philadelphia House Delegation.

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