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Hi Supervisors,

The equity statement when this plan first started says that "Zip codes with low employment and low household

income coincide with the highest percentage of COVID-19 cases in the region." Now Maybe the new subvariants discriminate by zip code, income, or job status. But I think COVID is COVID and it will pop up where it chooses. Giving money just to "populations disproportionately impacted" by COVID whoever they are (the ones who complain?) risks less money for those who actually need it. Is this a political reward? US Treasury guidelines call for immediate payments, not class-based payments as per your spending plan.

A few unfortunate consequences of equity. It creates more people who think they have a right to lord it over others because they are 'so special,' or 'so-and-so's got my back.' Then these people sort of become dependant on the privileges and handouts they got from government. And when the government money runs out, there will be less for those who aren't in those special privileged categories. Guess what will happen, all you Poli. Sci. Profs.?

You should keep the money for those who really need it.

Regards,

Paul Henkin