

07 March 2022

**DR. FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, MSC**

Secretary

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

San Lazaro Compound

Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila

**Dear Sec. Duque:**

Greetings of good health and peace!

On March 3, 2022, Inquirer Mobile reported that the government is drawing up a “very comprehensive COVID19 transition plan” to shift to the “new normal” so that the nation can start to “live with the virus.” The report quoted you as having made the following pronouncement during an interview on March 2, 2022:

“This is something we would launch as soon as all the inputs from the different sectors have been submitted. x x x.”

Pursuant to the people’s right to “effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making” of government provided in Article XIII, Section 16 of the Philippine Constitution, we would like to seek an audience with you as part of your public consultation. We, the “de facto sector of the unvaccinated” consisting of individuals from ALL known formal sectors of society, have been the most affected in the government’s unilateral policies throughout this COVID19 pandemic yet have not been consulted or given an opportunity to be heard.

We have concrete suggestions on how COVID19 can be safely, efficiently, and cost-effectively managed. We hope you will give us a chance to make these contributions to the national effort to protect and promote the health of the Filipino people.

Please let us know who we may coordinate with from your office for the schedule of our requested public consultation. We may be contacted as indicated below. In the meantime, we trust that this proposed transition plan will be launched only after genuine and meaningful consultation with all sectors affected by this COVID19 pandemic.

We look forward to hearing from you.

God bless you,

Name & Organization

E-mail address