

Dear Deputy/Minister/Councillor,

My name is _____ and I am a resident in your constituency. As a doctor, I am especially appreciative of living in a country where COVID-19 vaccines are readily available. However, the arrival of the Omicron variant has highlighted both the injustice and the public health risks of global vaccine inequity. The most appropriate response is to increase vaccine production by utilising all suitably qualified production facilities. There are more than 100 companies across Africa, Asia, and Latin America with the capacity to produce mRNA vaccines. The proposal for a TRIPS waiver to remove barriers to vaccine production in the Global South has the support of more than 100 countries, including the US. However the EU continues to oppose the waiver. I urge you to build on the momentum of the Seanad motion on the TRIPS waiver by persuading the Irish government to formally back the waiver and to encourage the E.U to do likewise.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Dr _____

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