strengthen the role of CDC to collect and report COVID-19 data by race and ethnicity, hospital and ICU capacity, total number of tests and percent positive, hospitalizations and deaths. This critical function top public health agency.

The availability of accurate hospital data, coupled with other public health indicators, is essential for the state and local response. Jurisdictions need situational awareness about bed availability, shortages of supplies and personal protective equipment, and other healthcare needs in order to coordinate the response. Oreating duplicate, siloed data reporting systems may make it harder for jurisdictions to get an accurate picture of the pandemic and limit visibility across neighboring states and localities

Reliable, comprehensive and timely data are essential to monitor and evaluate the state of the pandemic and to inform an effective response, including the distribution of essential supplies and treatment. We urge you not to advance the new data collection plan any further and instead consult with the public health and healthcare communities to discuss effective strategies for ensuring the availability of the data we all need and want to bring the pandemic under control in the U.S.

## Sncerely,

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