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Robert Kadlec, M.D.
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Room 638G
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Dr. Kadlec:

Today, Texas received its first allotment of remdesivir from the federal government. We appreciate access to this important new resource and the quick delivery for use by states.

We understand that there are only limited quantities of this therapeutic and will maximize its use to treat hospitalized patients in Texas that have severe disease. Like the federal government, we are moving to immediately distribute remdesivir to hospitals around our state, putting it in the hands of capable clinicians.

We hope to continue receiving additional product, ensuring that it is available to treat more Texans. While Texas is fortunate to have more limited spread among its residents, we request consideration of overall population size in future distributions.

Thank you for your leadership in the COVID-19 response efforts. We value our continued partnership in addressing this national infectious disease crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hellerstedt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Hellerstedt, M.D.