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Dear Mr. Sharples, Mr. Templet, and Mr. MacMillan,

As CEOs of large medical product companies, we write to you today regarding the limited supply of swabs and universal transport mediums due to the rapidly spreading coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 19, 2020, Massachusetts announced an additional 72 cases of COVID-19, bringing the Commonwealth's total to 328.¹ Like many other states, Massachusetts has been able to ramp up their testing capacity, with the ability to conduct and process more and more each day. However, in Massachusetts and nationwide, we are now facing a limited supply of swabs, which will significantly hamper the ability to conduct additional COVID-19 tests.² This lack of sufficient supply creates a significant delay in reporting the results and thus gives medical professionals and public health officials no chance of controlling this virus and reducing the number of people who contract it.

We know all of your companies have been working around the clock to ramp up either existing or new production, but we are writing to get some specifics and ask the following:

- 1) What are you currently doing to increase your capability and capacity to increase manufacturing to meet the growing demand?
- 2) What steps are you taking to ensure there will not be another shortage in the future?
- 3) What are the current barriers you are facing when trying to increase production?

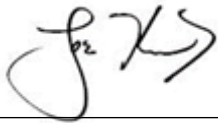
¹ <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/19/metro/baker-says-enormous-increase-coronavirus-testing-is-its-way/>

² <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/18/us/coronavirus-testing-supply-shortages-invs/index.html>

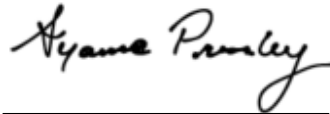
- 4) Did the Administration notify you that there was an expected shortage of swabs and ask that you be ready to increase production? If so, did they offer any support or a path to do so?
- 5) What, if anything, can be done at the federal level to support your ability to ramp up production?

Given the urgent need for swabs, we are requesting your immediate attention to these questions and look forward to your response.

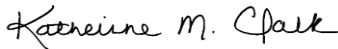
Sincerely,



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