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To Prime Minister, SUGA Yoshihide,  
Minister of State for Gender Equality, MARUKAWA Tamayo,  
Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Health, Labour and Welfare, KOYARI Takashi

Request for vaccinating against COVID-19 for victims of domestic violence and abuse

The vaccination is being conducted by municipalities, we are concerned about whether victims of domestic violence and abuse who have evacuated from their abusers and are living in a different municipality will be able to receive the vaccination safely in the area where they live. As we move forward with vaccinations not only for the elderly, but also for the younger generation, a situation that may make victims anxious and hesitant to receive vaccinations is a violation of their right to life and right to receive medical care.

Therefore, we request that you urgently take the following measures.

1. Please ensure that all municipalities in Japan take into consideration that all victims of domestic violence, abuse and sexual violence by family members and relatives who have evacuated without moving their resident registration and are living in other areas can also receive vaccinations.

2. The government should take the responsibility of issuing notices and making sure that people who have received vaccinations in areas in which they reside do not have their information passed on to the city in which they used to live.

(e.g., "I received the vaccination in \* \* City")

3. With regard to 1 and 2 above, please do not limit the scope to those who are receiving supportive measures to restrict access to resident registration, those who have been issued a protection order under the Domestic Violence Prevention Law, or those who have had their mail forwarded.

Example: The publicity of these cities says the following:

“When a person who does not have a certificate of residence wishes to be inoculated in the municipality in this city, an inoculation ticket received from the municipality where you are registered as a resident is required for application.”

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