November 9, 2021

The Honorable Douglas Parker
Assistant Secretary
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Assistant Secretary Parker:

RE: OSHA COVID-19 Vaccination Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS); RIN: 1218-AD42;
Docket Number: OSHA-2021-0007

On behalf of the National Restaurant Association and its members, I write to request an extension of time to the extremely short comment period for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard. The agency has only provided the public with 30 days to submit input. This is an extensive rulemaking and the Association and its membership needs additional time to review and provide the agency with comprehensive comments.

The additional time will allow the Association to work with our full membership to address the magnitude of issues covered in the ETS, including areas of concern. We are working in good faith to assist our members with information, assistance and compliance guidance. The extended time will allow all stakeholders an opportunity to better inform the agency in the development of a permanent and/or modified rulemaking.

We, therefore, ask that you provide an additional 60 days to the comment period, extending it into early February. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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