



May 8, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

via email to Will Danowski, Secretary of Legislative Affairs

Re: York County

Dear Governor Wolf:

As Senators and Representatives serving the people of York County, we write to formally request the immediate transition of York County from a “red” designation during the COVID-19 Pandemic to a “yellow” designation.

According to all previously identified measurables made by you and your Secretary of Health, York County falls well within all indices and metrics. Since our hospital systems began testing for COVID-19 in March, we have performed 8,286 tests. Of those tested, 753 individuals tested positive for COVID-19 in a county with a population of 448,000. We have suffered 13 fatalities. Since April 25, 2020, York County has averaged 13.57 cases per day with a total of 190 new cases. Based on the 50 cases over 14 days per 100,000 people metric, York County, must average 16 or less cases a day. We clearly meet this criteria.

Over the past two months, we have worked with our local hospital systems to ensure they have adequate personal protective equipment, bed capacity, ventilator capacity, and testing capacity. Based on the information provided by these hospital systems, our county is properly prepared to test and care for current and future COVID-19 patients.

Thankfully, only 4 nursing home facilities have positive cases, which have resulted in 9 COVID-19 positive residents and 2 COVID-19 positive employees. York County has recorded only one COVID-19 related death in a nursing home resident.

As you can clearly see based on the metrics set forth by your Department of Health, York County falls well within the identified measurables and should now be classified as a “yellow” county.

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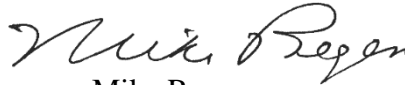
We, like you, have a goal of saving lives while ensuring our health system does not become overwhelmed with those suffering from COVID-19. We believe based on the science, data, and the help of our trusted medical professionals and health care systems, we have met that goal. Now, we must move into the next phase of response during this crisis which is to safely re-open up our economy. Based on the feedback we have received, York Countians are ready to move forward safely, intelligently and responsibly into the “yellow” phase.

The courtesy of a response would be much appreciated. If you desire more information about our request, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

Sincerely,



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Senator, 28th District



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Senator, 31st District



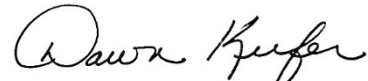
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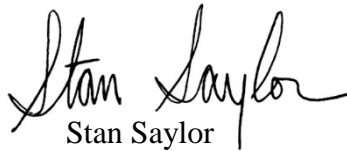
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