



House of Representatives  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

April 29, 2020

Governor Tom Wolf  
Commonwealth Of PA  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary  
Department of Health  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Health & Welfare Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf & Secretary Levine:

We write today with respect to your classification of Lancaster County within the Southeast Region in your process to reopen Pennsylvania. We find it confusing as to why Lancaster County has been included in with the Southeast when historically our County has been included in the Southcentral Region of the Commonwealth.

As elected officials from Lancaster County, we meet as part of the Southcentral Caucus when considering legislative and budget-related matters. The legislative needs of our county correlate with those of the other counties in the Southcentral region. Lancaster County relates specifically with this region for commerce, tourism, population density, travel patterns, emergency and disaster planning and response, as well as agriculture.

With regard to COVID-19, when we compare Southeast Regional counties with similar populations to Lancaster County, the number of coronavirus cases in Lancaster County is much lower, according to the Administration's data. For example:

- Berks County: Total Cases: 2526; Population 420,000
- Bucks County: Total Cases: 2585; Population 628,000
- Delaware County: Total Cases: 3361; Population 565,000
- Lancaster County: Total Cases: 1633; Population 543,000

Including Lancaster County within the Southeast Region of the state could potentially create a delay in our recovery process. It also makes it difficult for our elected officials at the state and local level to work with our colleagues from the Southcentral counties to determine the best course of action for Lancaster County.

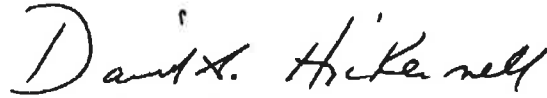
We would respectfully ask you to reconsider the classification for Lancaster County during these trying times to allow us to continue working towards a plan for our residents that safely and responsibly brings the county towards recovery.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request and we look forward to working with you to move us beyond our current situation and chart a course for the future so that Pennsylvania can rebuild and recover as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



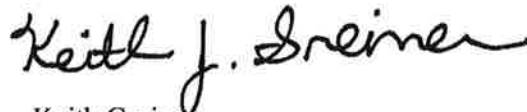
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