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The Honorable Tom Wolf Governor of Pennsylvania 225 Main Capitol Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Resumption of automotive sales per guidance from the US Department of Homeland Security regarding critical infrastructure strategic requirements.

## Dear Governor Wolf:

I am writing to urge you to reverse your March 19, 2020 decision to prohibit the sales of vehicles.

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued revised guidance on the strategic needs of our nation as we combat COVID-19. The document signed by the Secretary of DHS's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), titled, "Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response Version 3.0" (April 17, 2020) THE IMPORTANCE OF ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS lists vehicle sales as a component of our national infrastructure.

This document lists essential functions, workforce categories and strategic requirements to safeguard our nation. Vehicle sales are described as an essential component of America's vital infrastructure related to transportation / logistics and therefore, necessary components to support the nation's strategic security. The strategic assessment was updated on April 17, 2020, with Page 13 of this report saying:

## **Transportation and Logistics**

Workers critical to the manufacturing, distribution, *sales*, rental, leasing, repair, and maintenance of vehicles and other transportation equipment (including electric vehicle charging stations) and the supply chains that enable these operations to facilitate continuity of travel-related operations for essential workers.

The criterion to add sales to this strategic requirement was based upon the growing disruption to both the work force and the transportation industry by your decision to prohibit this function.

Therefore, we request that you reverse your decision halting this essential function based upon the following three considerations:

- 1. Vehicle sales support the nation's vital transportation and logistics network with Pennsylvania being one of the key hubs in the nation.
- 2. The lack of vehicle sales over the past month is causing disruption to the essential work force. A growing number of the essential work force personnel have cars that are irreparable and finding it increasingly difficult to get to their place of duty. As a result, health care professionals are frequently unable to help those in need due to transportation issues caused by the closure of sales.
- 3. Failure to resume vehicular sales may be viewed by the President as something that undermines the nation's critical infrastructure.

The COVID-19 health crisis has unnecessarily undermined large sectors of our transportation and logistics support functions. I urge you to allow the resumption of vehicular sales for the good of our people, state and our nation.

Sincerely,

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