



Senate of Pennsylvania

April 24, 2020

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

Dear Governor Wolf:

We were encouraged to hear that a plan is proposed to begin to open parts of the Commonwealth by May 8th. We understand from your announcement that the Administration will categorize reopening into three phases: red, yellow, green. Phases will be assigned based on conditions in a county, counties or region and that you will first study conditions in the Northcentral and Northwest regions with a target of moving from red to yellow on May 8.

While we appreciate those efforts, there are many rural counties with very low COVID19 cases that are not in the Northcentral or Northwest region, which should be evaluated individually. We would ask that you also look at counties in the Southcentral region. Six counties have 25 or less cases of COVID 19. To keep these counties closed for a longer period of time will be extremely detrimental to the local businesses and their employees. Also, if opening up a county is dependent upon the region they are classified in then there will be some counties that have high numbers that will impact other counties with very low numbers, as is the case in the Southcentral region. For example Fulton County having 2 cases is not the same as York with 546 cases or Dauphin with 445. If this is the measure than it will be difficult moving from red to yellow under the process for the counties with low numbers because of their region.

We ask that you please consider a county by county approach when reopening the state. Our communities depend on it. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our proposal.

Respectfully,

A blue ink signature of Jake Corman.

Jake Corman, Minority Leader
34th District

A black ink signature of Judy Ward.

Judy Ward, State Senator
30th District