



Senate of Pennsylvania



House of Representatives Pennsylvania

29 April 2020

Hon. William P. Barr
Attorney General of the United States
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: Defending Constitutional Rights of Pennsylvanians

Dear Attorney General Barr:

We write to applaud your memorandum of April 27, 2020, in which you directed the Department of Justice to monitor state and local policies, and to urge the Department to review the policies implemented by the administration of Governor Tom Wolf in Pennsylvania during the COVID-19 emergency.

This unprecedented public health emergency has tested our Commonwealth's resilience in many ways. But just as the emergency has tested the resilience of our citizens, so too has it tempted the authority of our Executive. Overbroad limitations on commerce have unduly paralyzed regions of Pennsylvania, the Second Amendment rights of citizens have been impacted, and many fear that their rights to worship will remain constrained. Certainly, we recognize the reasonableness of temporary restrictions to preserve public safety, but we also are vigilant in defending against the encroachment on inviolate constitutional rights.

As you explained in your memorandum, "the Constitution is not suspended in times of crisis." The freedoms enshrined in that hallowed document are perhaps most importantly honored during times of crisis. We ask your attention to ensuring the constitutional rights of Pennsylvanians to work, speak, defend themselves, and worship remain inviolate.

Sincerely,

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Senator, Joseph B. Scarnati
25th Senatorial District

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donna Oberlander".

State Representative, Donna Oberlander
63rd Legislative District



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29th Senatorial District



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48th Senatorial District



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50th Senatorial District



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28th Senatorial District



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State Representative, Aaron Bernstine
10th Legislative District



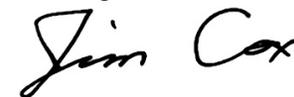
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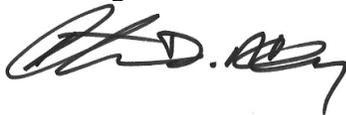
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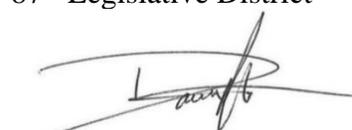
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