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August 3, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

I am writing this letter on behalf of parents, families and student athletes who have contacted me regarding the PIAA's decision of not permitting spectators at Interscholastic K-12 events. I strongly encourage you to include guidelines allowing the safe attendance of spectators in any updated guidance provided to school districts.

If we can congregate together safely in big box stores and outdoor shows then I do not understand why the Department of Health cannot develop similar guidelines to give schools the ability to allow spectators, especially family, to watch athletic events. Another option would be to allow the local school districts to develop a plan for spectators at these sporting events, similar to the way you have entrusted them to develop individual school re-opening plans. Since most fall sports are played outdoors proper social distancing guidelines could be implemented.

Parents and families provide a support structure for student athletes. This virus has taken so much from these kids already, why take this away from them too?

I appreciate your consideration to my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Ward".

Judy Ward
30th Senatorial District