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The Honorable Tom Wolf Governor of Pennsylvania 508 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Governor Tom Wolf,

We appreciate your recent announcement that many of the business restrictions you put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic will be lifted on Memorial Day. These restrictions have devastated many employers and industries, particularly in the hospitality and tourism industries, so it is encouraging that these businesses will be able to move forward soon toward a more normal situation.

As we look forward toward a brighter future, we must also acknowledge how much damage these restrictions have caused, as well as the pressing need to give these employers a boost to ensure their long-term survival. Accordingly, we are requesting that you move up the timeline for these restrictions to be eliminated by three days – from Memorial Day, to the Friday *before* Memorial Day.

This approach would allow these businesses to have a full holiday weekend to begin to recoup the losses they suffered during COVID-19. We are not aware of any scientific standard or evidence that suggests that moving this timeline up a few days would present any serious risk to the health and well-being of the people we represent. However, we know from speaking to employers in our districts that getting an entire holiday weekend of business could serve as a springboard into a successful summer of recovery.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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