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May 19, 2020

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

Dear Governor Wolf:

Thank you for your continued efforts to lead the Commonwealth through the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last 10 weeks, Pennsylvanians have heeded the calls from medical and public health experts in your administration to stay home, stop the spread of COVID-19 and, thereby, save countless lives. Through our collective action, the curve is flattening, and hospitals have not been overrun here as they were in New York City and other COVID-19 hotspots around the world.

We are now in the middle of May, and by the end of this week 49 counties in Pennsylvania will have been moved from the red phase of pandemic mitigation to yellow, in which many businesses are allowed to open with certain health restrictions. While 18 counties are still in the red phase, we are hopeful that they are not far away from moving to yellow as well.

As we continue to practice social distancing and ensure that frontline workers have the personal protective equipment (PPE) they need, we, who are members of the Senate Democratic Caucus, believe that certain steps can now be taken to open additional sectors of the economy in a way that is consistent with the goal of mitigation. One of those should be to follow the lead of our neighbors in New Jersey and allow for curbside pickup at all retail locations in the Commonwealth. This could be done consistent with all necessary health protocols as is currently the case with curbside pick up of food and alcohol.

Our collective sacrifices to protect all Pennsylvanians in this pandemic, while needed, have led to economic hardship. As the coronavirus pandemic continues to show signs of slowing in the state, allowing retail businesses to reopen for curbside pickup would provide our communities with a chance to get back to work in a manner consistent with the primary goal of mitigating the spread of the virus. Of course, as noted, the use of PPE, social distancing and good hygiene policies should continue to be a part of any executive order moving forward. We believe that permitting curbside pickup will help get our economy moving again, without jeopardizing the progress that we have made to slow the spread of the virus.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you issue an executive order to allow all retailers in Pennsylvania to engage in curbside pickup in accordance with necessary public health protocols.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

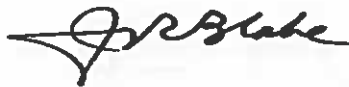
Respectfully submitted,



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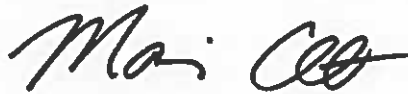
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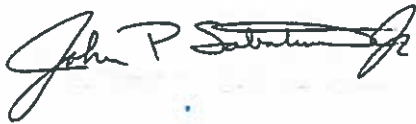
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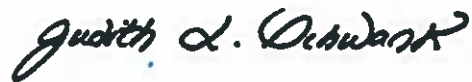
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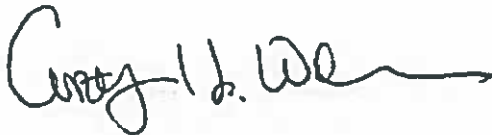
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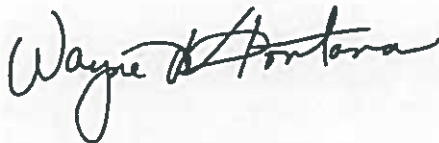
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