



## Senate of Pennsylvania



## House of Representatives Pennsylvania

May 4, 2020

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

Dear Governor Wolf:

We represent the economic, social, and constitutional interests of the people of Butler County. Our offices have received hundreds and hundreds of calls from constituents who are both angry and worried. They are angry about actions taken by the government and worried about how they are going to pay their bills if the economy continues to be shut down in Butler County. As their elected representatives, it is our responsibility to advocate for their best interests. **Today, we are requesting that you reconsider your decision and include Butler County in the first wave of counties slated to re-open on May 8, 2020.**

Over the past several weeks, all Pennsylvanians have had to make many changes in their daily lives like staying away from friends and family and avoiding public places. Many people have lost their jobs and are now faced with severe financial hardships and the threat of bankruptcy. Our constituents followed your directives and did their part to fight the spread of COVID-19 by practicing social distancing, washing their hands, and doing their best to stay home and stay healthy under difficult circumstances.

**According to data provided by the PA Department of Health, there have been only 26 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Butler County in the past two weeks.** The County of Butler government has been working with the health care community, first responders, businesses, school districts, social service agencies, and local municipalities to ensure that ongoing aggressive monitoring and management of COVID-19 will flatten the curve. We are extremely proud of their successful efforts.

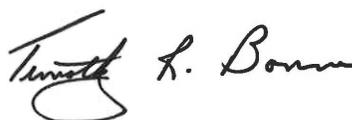
The people of Butler County are prepared to follow CDC and commonsense guidelines for employers, employees, and the general public so that businesses can reopen and bring much-needed stability to our economy.

Butler County's numbers of COVID-19 are low and our hospitals are well-equipped to handle new cases. We are beyond frustrated and extremely disappointed that local employers and workers will continue to suffer if Butler County stays closed. **It's time to evaluate counties individually for reopening and we ask you to reconsider your decision on Butler County and allow it to reopen on May 8, 2020.** We look forward to your prompt and positive response.

Sincerely,



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11th Legislative District



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