



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

via email to Will Danowski, Secretary of Legislative Affairs

**Re: Carbon County**

Dear Governor Wolf:

As the State Legislators & County Commissions who serve the residents of Carbon County, we write to formally request the transition of Carbon County from a “red” designation during the COVID-19 pandemic to a “yellow” designation.

According to all previously identified measurables made by you and Department of Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine, Carbon County falls within all indices and metrics. Since our hospital systems in Carbon County began testing for COVID-19 in March, we have performed 1,354 tests. Of those tested, 198 individuals tested positive for COVID-19 in a county with a population of 66,000.

Unfortunately, we have suffered 17 fatalities to date, with 12 of them coming in a single nursing home. Since April 27, 2020, Carbon County has averaged 2.4 cases per day, with a total of 33 new cases in 14 days, which is on target for the governor’s metric of 50 cases per 100,000 residents in 14 days.

We have worked with our county emergency management and health care network to ensure they have adequate personal protective equipment, beds, ventilators and testing capacity. Based on the information provided by our health care provider, they are properly prepared to test and care for current and future COVID-19 patients.

The public’s health and safety are our highest priorities. When we asked the residents of Carbon County to social distance following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidelines and stay home, they did. Many have sacrificed greatly to “flatten the curve.” Now, as the metrics show, it is time to allow the hardworking families in Carbon County to responsibly and safely move into the “yellow” phase. We in government should do all we can to assist them in this goal.

Sincerely,



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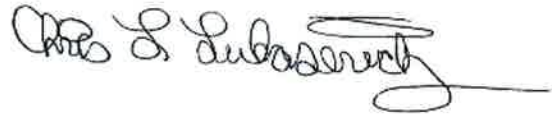
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