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The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
Room 225 Main Building Capitol
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Dear Governor Wolf:

As the elected officials of Northumberland County, this letter serves to inform you of our support of Northumberland County moving from the Yellow Phase to the Green Phase of COVID-19 Phased Reopening Plan.

Northumberland County has met the requirement of your original Stay-at-Home Order, which was to flatten the curve of the COVID-19 outbreak and allow hospitals the time to gear up for COVID-19 patients being admitted to the ICU and in need of ventilators. The residents of Northumberland County have heeded your instructions to practice social distancing and other mitigation efforts, and as a result, our local healthcare facilities do not lack the capacity to effectively treat these patients going forward. Both PPE supply and the availability of COVID-19 tests have increased since mid-March. These factors have provided our local healthcare facilities with the confidence to address any upcoming concerns as Northumberland County moves to the Green Phase.

We, as the elected officials, are asking you and your administration to re-evaluate the move of Northumberland County to the Green Phase. We have a vested interest in keeping our community safe and free from disease, and not over-burdening the health care facilities in the county. Our 4-county region in the Susquehanna Valley intermingles daily as many people live, work, shop, eat, and attend church, etc. in different counties in this region. With the decision to move Snyder and Montour County to the Green Phase effective May 29, 2020, this will likely create even more movement among counties while also negatively impacting businesses in Northumberland County. Our offices have all heard the pleas of Northumberland County residents who desire the ability to safely re-open their businesses and safely return to work. Northumberland County is ready to move forward and will require re-opening businesses to follow CDC guidelines including requirements such as hand washing, social distancing, and masks until further guidance is received.

Sincerely,



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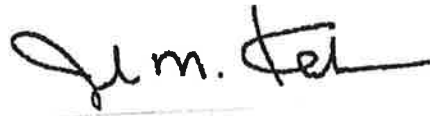
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