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The Honorable Rachel L. Levine, MD
Secretary of Health
PA Department of Health
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Dear Secretary Levine and Director Padfield:

We sent you a letter dated March 19, 2020, asking for specific information regarding the steps being taken to ensure our frontline workers have access to personal protective equipment. To date, we have received no response to the letter. We are sending the contents of that letter to you again in this letter and requesting a prompt response. All of the information requested should be provided on a daily basis for the legislature, public and press.

I'm writing to ask that additional public guidance and information be made available with regards to what specific steps are being taken to ensure our health care providers and first responders have access to personal protective equipment. This equipment includes:

- N95 respiratory masks
- Surgical masks
- Face shields
- Goggles
- Disposable gowns
- Disposable gloves

Specific questions that we as legislators have been asked by emergency physicians and first responders include:

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- Has the state requested personal protective equipment from the national emergency stockpile?
- If so, how will the distribution of this equipment be prioritized?
- Does the Department of Health or the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency have access to other supplies of personal protective equipment?
- If so, how will the distribution of this equipment be prioritized?
- What steps are being taken to ensure the manufacture and distribution of personal protective equipment in the commonwealth?

The bottom line is this: access to personal protective equipment remains a concern among our health care professionals and first responders. Have we met these needs on a daily basis? Will we continue to meet these needs?

Sincerely,



Mike Turzai
Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives
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cc: The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly