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The Honorable Rachel L. Levine, MD
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PA Department of Health
625 Forster St., 8th Floor
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Dear Secretary Levine,

We sent you a letter dated April 17, 2020, asking for specific detailed data, crucial to the making of public policy. To date, we have received no response to the letter. We are sending this second letter again asking for specific data, data which should be provided in a public written format. This includes past data and data moving forward.

You have read some data quickly in a weekly call with the Governor and other leaders. I could not keep up in terms of writing that information down hoping the data would be published. The data that was conveyed was not close to covering all the information sought. Further, while your Department reports have changed some, these reports have not changed for the better in any material way. We will make your response available to the public, the press and to all legislators. I am repeating the same requests from my April 17, 2020 letter in this April 29, 2020 letter, some 12 days later.

You report each day the number of persons who have tested positively and the numbers of those who have died as a result of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania

We care about every citizen of Pennsylvania. We are all truly saddened to learn of the death of each of these citizens.

Without revealing any confidential information about each person – her or his name, her or his place of residence – we need to know important facts with respect to each person who has passed away caused by COVID-19. We need more detailed information than you are providing us to make informed policy decisions. For each person that has passed away, we need the following detailed information. We also request that public reports from your department present the same on an ongoing basis.

- 1) We need to know the sources from where you are obtaining your data.
- 2) We need more specific age breakdowns for those that have passed away. The age breakdowns should be in increments of five years. By way of example:

90>
85-89

80-84
75-79
70-74 ...
25-29
20-24
15-19
10-14
5-9
0-4

- 3) We need specific comorbidity breakdowns for each of those that have passed away. These comorbidities can include diabetes, cardiac disease, hypertension, chronic pulmonary disease, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, immunocompromised and cancer treatment.
- 4) We need to know whether a person who passed away did so in any of the following:
 - a) Personal Care Homes as defined under Section 1001 of the Human Services Code (Act of 1967)
 - b) Assisted Living Residences as defined under Section 1001 of the Human Services Code (Act of 1967)
 - c) Long Term Care Nursing Facilities as defined under Section 802.1 of the Healthcare Facilities Act (Act 48 of 1979)
 - d) Hospices as defined under Section 802.1 of the Healthcare Facilities Act (Act 48 of 1979).
- 5) Of all the positive cases reported among patients, how many people have recovered from COVID-19?

We think the above requested information should be accumulated on a day by day basis and made public. We appreciate a prompt response.

Very truly yours,



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