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> The Honorable Tom Wolf Governor Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Room 225 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:



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As we move to safely and responsibly reopen businesses across the Southeast and allow employees to once again start earning a paycheck, members of the Southeast House Republican Delegation are asking you to allow retail operators to offer curbside pickup for their customers. It is simply unfair that big box retailers and the state-run wine and spirits stores are allowed to offer curbside pickup and continue to turn a profit when small mom-and-pop stores are on the verge of never opening their doors again. These businesses deserve the same opportunity as their competitors. We need to stop choosing winners and losers and allow those who can operate safely within state and federal guidelines to do so.

Curbside pickup is safer and will begin to allow these retailers to move their products, earn money, and perhaps hire back some of their employees. It is a win-win for everyone.

COVID-19 case counts continue to decline across the state and region, and we need to start refocusing our attention on the economic crisis we are all now facing and the long-term consequences that could come if we do not act.

Because of that, we also request counties that have health departments, or have contracted with other health departments, and have conducted robust contact tracing programs and have demonstrated limited community spread, should be allowed to reopen if their county Department of Health deems it safe.

Your prompt attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

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