



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

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

Curt Topper  
Secretary  
Department of General Services  
515 North Office Building  
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Dear Gov. Wolf and Sec. Topper:

As Vladimir Putin's unprovoked war against Ukraine continues, we have been steadfast as a Commonwealth in working to manage what is within our control to marginalize the Russian government and its ability to carry on this unacceptable invasion.

The most unfortunate and heartbreaking impact of this Russian-caused atrocity is the humanitarian crisis that has resulted from civilian displacement, injury and/or death.

Fortunately, this may be another area in which Pennsylvania can muster support and render aid to the people of Ukraine while we use other tools at the Commonwealth's disposal to substantively impact Russia's ability to continue this conflict.

As has been well published, the Commonwealth compiled a large stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE) that is currently warehoused in Department of General Services (DGS) facilities.

Given that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention along with the Commonwealth and its component municipalities are easing COVID restrictions and mitigation efforts, we request that an inventory be taken of remaining PPE supplies within DGS possession.

Once that inventory has taken place, we request you work to get soon-to-expire supplies out to Pennsylvania facilities that may need them or, in the alternative, work with federal and non-governmental counterparts to see if they may be deployed in mitigating the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

While there should be a priority given to Pennsylvania facilities needing additional PPE supplies to protect frontline health care workers and vulnerable populations from the spread of communicable diseases, these supplies may also be useful in those rendering medical aide to Ukrainians during the ongoing conflict.

Understanding the supply level of PPE within the Commonwealth's possession is an important component of transparency to the taxpayers who funded their purchase, the swift deployment of excess or soon-expiring supplies can be of benefit to those in Pennsylvania or in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and will be happy to discuss any way in which we can respond as a Legislature in carrying out these requests.

Sincerely,



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