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

I write regarding your recent statewide regional designation outlining when specific counties may reopen. I represent the 69th district which encompasses Somerset and Bedford Counties. Your proposal places each of these counties in a different region. Unfairly, these counties have been linked and compared to major urban areas.

Somerset County has no business being joined to Allegheny County and Bedford has no similarity in cases with York. What metrics were used in this designation? Clearly, active number of cases and population were not used. It appears that the Commonwealth was rather, simply and conveniently, carved into a six-area designation.

Your initial approach to this pandemic was to close areas of our great state county by county. Likewise, your approach to reopening should follow the same pattern and not penalize counties whose numbers are low and safely open utilizing the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines. This plan must be reexamined and redone.

Please use this letter as an opportunity to engage and work with the General Assembly for the good of all residents, rather than an arbitrary plan that does nothing but cause distress and confusion within our commonwealth.

I look forward to a response and thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Walker Metzgar'.

Carl Walker Metzgar
State Representative
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