



House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

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Acting Secretary Alison Beam
Pennsylvania Department of Health
8th Floor Health and Welfare Building
625 Forster Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Acting Secretary Beam,

Thank you for all you are doing to help meet the needs of our citizens at such a crucial time. We greatly appreciate your communication and accessibility. As such, we wanted to bring to your attention, in advance of our weekly briefing with you, some urgent issues discussed at a meeting with the Chester County Commissioners and the Chester County Health Department this morning.

While Chester County is ranked 6th in population in the Commonwealth, to date, it ranks 33rd in the amount of vaccine doses received. We understand factors other than population impact the quantities of vaccine distributed, however, we respectfully request that the Department of Health review the formula being used to ensure that distribution amounts better reflect county populations.

We also request improved coordination and utilization of local health departments in vaccine administration. These locally managed departments have expertise in identifying the needs and resources of our communities in order to provide care at the scale currently required. The Chester County Health Department, with responsibility in both Chester and Delaware counties, is fully prepared to provide an expedited vaccine rollout. These plans include mass vaccination sites, which stand at the ready to serve all geographic areas of our community, however, the department has not received the necessary supply to execute these plans. We are aware that there are very few county health departments in PA, but these departments have the capacity to safely execute mass vaccination sites in a way that pharmacies do not.

Thank you again for all you do. Please know that the Chester County House and Senate delegation stands ready to assist you in whatever way possible. We share the same goals and look forward to partnering with you to address these issues.

Respectfully,

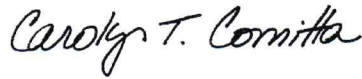
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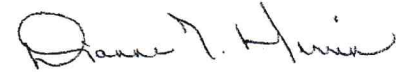
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