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December 9, 2021

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

Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Joint Task Force

Dear Governor Wolf:

As the number of COVID-19 cases and number of hospitalized patients in every county of the Commonwealth continue to rise, we are hearing from many hospitals, health systems and constituents who are concerned.

Today, we are writing to respectfully request from you the reconvening of the COVID-19 Vaccine Joint Task Force so that we may again collaborate on the best mechanisms for sharing information and communicating solutions expediently with the entire General Assembly and our hospitals, health systems and constituents.

The feedback we are hearing from our local hospitals in our communities is that most are operating at 110% percent capacity with lessening ICU beds and medical-surgical beds available by the day; many are experiencing 10-20 hour extended emergency room wait times and have had to implement temporary ambulance diversion policies. As we know, in addition to the surge in COVID-19-related cases and perhaps as a result from being shut-in earlier in the pandemic, hospitals are now seeing more serious cases of influenza and patients who had deferred routine care. As we have shared in the past, in addition to current COVID-19 data daily updates, it is also critical that we receive projected data for the weeks and months ahead, especially with regard to the new variant or differential data showing seasonal influenza (flu) or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases.

The Task Force was created ten months ago today, February 9, 2021. We can agree that during that time our Commonwealth experienced improvements in many areas, including the vaccine rollout. We remain confident that the Task Force will prove to be successful once again.

It remains important for all of us to be fully aware of the current situation and future outlook; and on behalf of our hospitals, health systems and constituents, we appreciate your consideration of this request.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jake Corman in blue ink.

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State Senator, 34<sup>th</sup> District

Handwritten signature of Bryan Cutler in black ink.

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State Representative, 100<sup>th</sup> District

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Kim Ward  
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State Senator, 39<sup>th</sup> District

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