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Governor Tom Wolf
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Governor Wolf,

I write in response to your August 14 decision to shutter White Haven Center causing the relocation of 112 residents and displacement of over 400 employees.

The vast majority of the 112 residents of White Haven Center have spent the greater portions of their lives at the facility. Most have done so with the blessing of their loved ones. These families have made the intimate and personal decision that White Haven Center offers the best care for their loved ones. Those decisions have stood the test of time. I have spoken with relatives of residents who have relied upon White Haven Center as a home for their family members for 30, 40 and 50 years. Having had several occasions to visit the White Haven Center, interact with the residents, meet with the employees, management and families, and observe the care provided, I understand why these families have such a vested interest in keeping the Center open. During every one of my visits, I have been impressed with the level of compassion, professionalism, and care provided to the residents by each and every employee.

I believe you owe it to the residents, their families, the employees and the greater White Haven community to visit the campus. I would like to formally invite you to visit White Haven Center. I invite you to meet with the residents and their families. I invite you to observe the care provided by the staff. I think it is very important for you to see, first-hand, those you are affecting with your decision.

In light of the pending September 12 hearing, I would encourage you to accept my invitation in short order. I anxiously await your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Mullery'.

Gerald J. Mullery
State Representative 119th District