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The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Dear Governor Wolf:

Thank you for your continued efforts to lead the Commonwealth through the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last 11 weeks, the people of Pennsylvania have heeded the calls from medical and public health experts in your administration to stay home, stop the spread of COVID-19, and thereby, save countless lives. Through our collective action, the curve is flattening, and hospitals have not been overrun here as they were in New York City and other COVID-19 hotspots around the world.

We are now heading into June, and by the end of this week, 17 counties in Pennsylvania will have been moved from the yellow phase of pandemic mitigation to green. Once the June 5 transition to yellow takes place in our county, day care providers will be able to safely provide much needed care for all working families, and summer camps will be able to provide healthy and safe opportunities for children's organized recreation and social interaction.

Healthy outdoor recreation is immensely important for the physical, mental and social wellbeing of children. Just as safety protocols have been developed to allow day care providers, summer camps, and other child-based businesses to provide needed recreation and enhanced play support for our children, so can these protocols be adapted for organized youth sports, especially sports that have only minimal levels of direct contact, such as baseball and softball. Children's organized baseball and softball have long been cherished summer pastimes, and with appropriate safety protocols in place, they can once again be safely played all across the commonwealth.

A local coalition of youth baseball and softball associations representing more than 13,000 families has asked us to present you with their detailed proposal to safely provide a healthy, safe environment to enable team play to maintain physical and mental wellbeing of the

children while protecting them and the greater community from the spread of COVID-19. Their detailed proposal follows this letter.

Therefore, on behalf of these youth sports associations and their families, we respectfully request that you consider issuing an executive order issuing guidance on safety protocols and allowing resumption of youth baseball and softball in counties which are in the yellow or green phase.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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