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April 2, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

RE: Masks and Medical Supplies for Cambria County

Dear Gov. Wolf:

I write today to request your urgent, personal attention to the distribution of hospital-grade masks and other critical medical supplies to Cambria County.

Today I joined a phone briefing with Conemaugh Health System to learn how it's handling the COVID-19 outbreak and what its facilities and workers need most. Hospital officials made it clear that they are in dire need of masks to protect both their healthcare workers and the public. Without this protective measure, the virus will only spread more quickly, putting further strain on these healthcare facilities.

While masks are the health system's No. 1 priority need right now, other medical supplies will be needed as this pandemic presses on. I hope that you will ensure that medical supplies stockpiled by the state, received from the federal government or acquired from other sources will be distributed proportionately to rural areas, including Cambria County.

I stand ready to work with anyone and everyone – including your administration – to ensure Cambria County and other rural communities are not forgotten during this time of great need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Burns".

Frank Burns
State Representative
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Cc: Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health