

**House of Representatives**  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

Dear Governor Wolf,

We write to thank you for taking actions to protect the lives of people across the state of Pennsylvania, in the face of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We, the undersigned members of the Pennsylvania House and Senate, call on you to do everything in your power to protect the workers who are keeping us safe, healthy, and stocked with food and medicine. These essential workers are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 health emergency and it is our responsibility as lawmakers to protect them and their families.

While grocery stores, pharmacies and other essential businesses remain open to meet the public's needs, we urgently need a set of health and safety protections to be put in place. To this effect, both House and Senate Democrats have introduced legislation to mandate safety protocols in these important life-sustaining industries.

In addition to legislative efforts, we urge you to call on businesses to put in place common sense public health strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19 across the Commonwealth. The following is a list of protections we believe serve as a baseline to protect Pennsylvanians' lives during these challenging times:

- Marking floors at registers and other gathering points to promote social distancing
- Putting in place "safety zones" around meat and deli counters
- Limiting the number of customers allowed inside the store at a time (Not more than approx. 20% of Fire Dept capacity, to be based on a formula related to the store's size and maximum occupancy)
- Regular storewide announcements made about social distancing
- Adding plexiglass at registers
- Staggering employee start and break times, discontinuing use of touch screen/button clocking in and out systems, limiting employee meetings to less than 5 people.

- Providing additional space whenever possible, to allow employees to take breaks and eat meals while following social distancing guidelines.
- Increasing cleaning of high use surfaces (door knobs, handles), ensuring soap and hand sanitizer are available.
- If an employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, that employee is to be sent home immediately and paid to quarantine for 14 days at minimum
- The department and work area of any COVID-19 positive employee is to be immediately deep cleaned, along with other locations in the business where that employee may have touched. All other employees who were in close contact with that individual are to be quarantined at home with pay for 14 days.
- Employers must post in a common area, this information as well as information about basic COVID-19 precautions in all languages spoken by employees.
- Employees who stay home to care for a COVID-19 positive loved one, may use paid or unpaid time off, and will not be penalized by the employer for not reporting to work.

We thank you for your leadership on this issue. Now is the time for us to work together to protect the lives of Pennsylvania's essential workers and the customers who count on grocery stores, pharmacies and other essential businesses.



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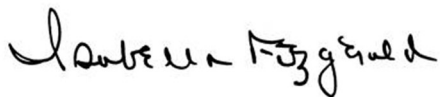
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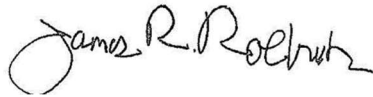
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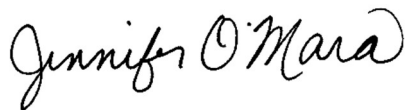
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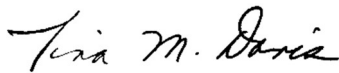
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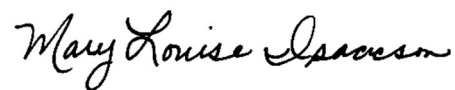
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