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Honorable Governor Tom Wolf
225 Main Capitol
Harrisburg PA, 17120

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Dear Governor Wolf:

As you are acutely aware, physicians and other health care providers are on the front lines of fighting COVID-19, and in doing so, risking their lives and the lives of their family members in the process. Every evening, people around the globe publicly recognize the sacrifice these individuals are making through the deafening sounds of unsolicited applause.

The realities of this pandemic are grim and those on the front lines of providing care are bearing the emotional brunt of its effects as they struggle to provide appropriate care to critically ill patients in an intensely high-stress environment. Why should we expose them to the additional risk of a lawsuit while they are risking their lives in this pressing emergency?

Unfortunately for them, looming overhead is the constant fear of civil and criminal liability while lifesaving care is being delivered.

We respectfully urge you to recognize the heroic dedication of all health care workers by signing an executive order granting medical liability immunity for care rendered during the time period of the COVID-19 emergency declaration here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I can assure you that taking this action will demonstrate to Pennsylvania physicians, and countless other caregivers, that their selfless efforts during this pandemic are sincerely appreciated.

Thank you.

Lawrence John, MD
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