



AS OF AUGUST 13, 2020

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE PASTORS OF PENNSYLVANIA TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, GOVERNOR WOLF AS HEAD OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE JUSTICES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT.

The harmful impact of COVID-19 public policies on our families and children, churches and schools, businesses and the economy is almost beyond measure. Sweeping and unilateral orders emanating from state and federal Executive Branches have wearied the citizens of this nation and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Yet, while most citizens have patiently endured the restrictions on our freedoms of assembly, worship, travel, education and work, that time has ended.

When a former Pennsylvania General Assembly extended limited authority to future Governors as head of the Executive Branch to temporarily suspend certain statutory laws in case of a clear "Natural Disaster," there was no anticipation that this privilege would be so abused with the limited "temporary" authority arrogantly extended into a more "permanent" authority remaking the entire system of representative government.

Now the Lawmaking Authority of the Commonwealth has been unlawfully seized by the Executive Branch and the Law spurned. To make matters more serious, the Justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court unilaterally assumed "King's Bench" Supreme Authority and aligned the Court with our defiant Governor and Executive Branch against the General Assembly, the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Citizens of the Commonwealth. The serious and deteriorating nature of the COVID-19 policies confronting the citizens of this Commonwealth and the violations of Statutory Law and the Constitution, precipitated by the actions of the Executive and Judicial Branches, is clear. The disenfranchised and aggrieved position of the General Assembly as the Constitutionally authorized lawmaking Body in this Commonwealth is now beyond dispute.

Recognizing that the Constitutional status of the General Assembly has been unlawfully assaulted, the freedoms of the citizens limited or violated at will, and all justified by ever-changing guidelines and policies, we as pastors and moral leaders serving in ordained positions of authority within the church and society are compelled to step forward with wisdom and courage. In keeping with the moral and historical role and duties of pastors throughout the rich history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our nation, we raise by this letter, the standard of civil and moral truth by which to lead this Commonwealth back to the precepts of liberty as defined by William Penn, our Founder in this "Holy Experiment in Freedom" called the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As cited by William Penn himself in his "Foundations of Government" in 1682, "Good men will never lack good laws, nor permit ill ones. . . . "

As supported by Scripture, we ask all our citizens to join us in prayer for our Governor, our Justices, all those in the General Assembly and our elected officials at all levels because we are commanded to do so by God Himself in I Tim. 2:2: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." We implore the Governor and the Justices to recognize their accountability to God first, to the People and to the Constitution. We implore them to do their first duty, which is to uphold the law, not to seek to make the law. We recognize that these are increasingly perilous days and that in accordance with God's plan for society and as recognized by our Founders, the citizens and those in civil authority must lead righteously, morally and with fidelity. Any alternative will be destructive to the very foundations upon which this Commonwealth and nation were founded.

Therefore, representing the God-fearing, Constitution-supporting and freedom-committed pastors of this Commonwealth, we put forth the following resolution. This resolution is intended to enumerate evidences of gubernatorial malfeasance and violations of authority to which the Pennsylvania Supreme Court affirmed. Other evidences of personal harm created by or that are being created by various policy decisions by the Governor and the Secretary of Health are also identified. This resolution is also intended to clarify for the citizens of the Commonwealth the great challenges to our freedom that, if not remedied, will lead to tyranny and loss of liberty. In addition, this resolution is intended to provide substantive communication from the pastors of this Commonwealth on behalf of the citizens to our General Assembly as Representatives of the people, along with our commitment and prayers that they bring the necessary actions against the Governor and Supreme Court Justices in accordance with the Law and restore normalcy, freedom and the rule of Law in the Commonwealth and to its citizens.

On behalf of over 1200 PA Pastors Committed to Truth and Liberty,

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PASTORS NETWORK

to

THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, THE GOVERNOR, MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT –

WHEREAS the Governor's initial declaration of emergency under 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7301 (c) was lawful, it was questionable from the outset whether the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 virus actually met the criteria for a "disaster emergency" as defined by law, not being quantifiable and measurable such as a natural disaster due to earthquake, tornado, hurricane, flood, etc., but rather undefinable, subjective and linked to unproven and projected potential disaster emergency models; and,

WHEREAS the criteria being utilized by the Governor and the Secretary of Health to measure the health impacts which rose to the level of a disaster emergency was ever changing with a refusal to confirm a measurable and objectively identifiable ongoing standard; and

WHEREAS the criteria and projection models cited by the Governor as justification for his March 6, 2020, proclamation declaring the disaster emergency was substantively revised and abated: and

WHEREAS the Governor and Secretary of Health's stated goals have continued to morph from the original goal of preventing an overload of hospital facilities which never materialized, to now attempting to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which according the medical experts is impossible; and

WHEREAS the futile attempt to limit the spread of COVID-19 is actually ensuring its lengthier continuance by preventing desired "community immunity"; and

WHEREAS the General Assembly while questioning the Governor and seeking redress for harm being inflicted on the citizens of the Commonwealth for 90 days was generally rebuffed; and

WHEREAS the legislature has been denied being a legitimate participant in the unilateral declaring of orders negatively and directly affecting the lives of all Pennsylvania citizens by the Executive Branch, thereby willfully defrauding the General Assembly of their constitutional obligation; and

WHEREAS, in the defiance of the law, and with undue respect for the cries of the citizens and defiance of the actions of the legislature, the Governor and Secretary of Health are guilty of imposing continued physical and health harm on the citizens of the Commonwealth, inciting panic that has led to increasing incidents of measurable and identifiable increases in hospitalizations, panic, suicide and addictions; and

WHEREAS citizens of the Commonwealth have their liberties granted by their Creator, and protected by the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS the Commonwealth has the burden of proof to show citizens a threat to others before removing their God-given liberties; and

WHEREAS the General Assembly in careful consideration of all of these facts in proper session and in accordance with the law 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7301 (c) adopted HR 836 as a concurrent resolution reclaiming their constitutional authority to make law, directed a message to be sent to the Governor directing the Governor to immediately announce a rescinding of his declaration of emergency as specified by law; and

WHEREAS the policies of this administration have risen to an unprecedented level of oppression and, in violation of the law, have rebuffed the legislative branch in their execution of law according to the law and, in an act of defiance, sought King's Bench authority from the Supreme Court with a request to overturn the lawful action of the General Assembly acting on behalf of the will of their citizens; and

WHEREAS the impacts of the Governor's orders continue to create great harm to the economy of Pennsylvania and the livelihoods of tens of thousands of citizens; and

WHEREAS thousands of businesses across this Commonwealth through the decrees of the Governor continue to be permanently harmed through loss of property, use of property, absconded wealth and the ability to plan for the future; and

WHEREAS the actions and the orders of the Governor have deprived and continue to deprive the children and students across the Commonwealth of necessary education opportunities as required by the law, and are currently depriving teachers, school administrators, parents and students alike of the reasonable expectation for an effective education going forward, as guaranteed by law; and

WHEREAS by the unlawful and unilateral actions of the Governor have produced permanent harm on thousands of Pennsylvanians, including wrongfully mandating elderly citizens identified with the COVID-19 virus at the heart of the Governor's Declaration of Disaster emergency be placed into elder care facilities where elderly and vulnerable populations were housed, thereby transmitting the virus to vulnerable populations, directly contributing to the preventable deaths of thousands of Pennsylvanians in violation of normal medical protocol; and

WHEREAS 68% of all deaths in this Commonwealth attributed to the COVID-19 virus occurred to citizens in elder care facilities; and the secretary of health knowingly had the secretary's own mother removed from an elder care facility without warning others to do the same; and

WHEREAS according to law, these capricious and unilateral decisions rise to the occasion of state-sanctioned elder abuse under law and thereby under any other circumstance actionable by law; and

WHEREAS 93% of all deaths in this Commonwealth attributed to the COVID-19 virus happened to citizens over the age of 60, and 87% of our workforce is under the age of 60; and

WHEREAS 62% of all deaths in this Commonwealth attributed to the COVID-19 virus happened to citizens with serious contributing pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, by forcing such policies as mandatory face masks, which even the World Health Organization and health experts have adamantly stated have no effect on limiting the transmission of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS the entire protocol followed under this emergency has violated previous health protocols, has been proven ineffective, and has, in effect, allowed the executive branch to force upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the entire health system new protocols of treatment and denials of treatment, none of which would have ever made it through the scrutiny of the normal legislative process; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Secretary of Health seem to think they possess all wisdom and neglect the certified practice of such nations as Japan, Singapore, and Taiwan, which have not mandated the wearing of face masks nor social distancing and which have experienced far less death; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Secretary of Health refuse not only the input of the Legislature, they also refuse the certified experience of other western nations and health professionals in the Commonwealth who know there is no proven harm to have children back in schools as normal nor increased harm to teachers or parents of children transmitting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, rejecting medical research and clear documentation to lack of efficacy of mask wearing and seeking to mandate mask wearing by children over 2 years of age, despite established known medical experience and epidemiological research which shows that mask wearing of children compromises the immune system and thereby restricts the normal and necessary development of a child's immune system when accompanied by mandatory social distancing by children in school settings, plus creating sociological and physiological distress in children; and

WHEREAS vulnerable populations such as the elderly should always take precaution and all citizens use the normal pre-COVID-19 policies of such things as washing hands etc.; and

WHEREAS these actions of the Governor and the Secretary of Health have enlarged the size and influence of government in citizens' lives, continued to avoid accountability, and continued to arbitrarily change policy, they are solely responsible for offering no hope to the citizens of this Commonwealth, continuing to limit our citizens' individual freedoms, to deprive our citizens of their constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness, limiting their ability to meet in worship at their church or other public gatherings, and to continue to fuel a level of panic and anxiety within the citizens of this Commonwealth;

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the pastors in this Commonwealth shall call on the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to do their part to restore the law in our Commonwealth and

To go about their lives as usual, using common sense, exercising care and respect for others and the property of others, and

To resume their duties to earn a living, and to provide for their families, and

To engage again in unrestricted worship in their churches according to the dictates of their conscience, and

To resume preparation for the educational advancement of their children, calling on local school districts to responsibly open the doors of schools this fall for this purpose, and

To carry on with their lives as free individuals, unencumbered by the unlawful dictates of those who have held on to the threads of power in violation of the laws of this Commonwealth and of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and of the Constitution of the United States, and finally,

To urge the General Assembly of Pennsylvania to fulfill their constitutional obligations, their obligations to the citizens of the Commonwealth, and their duty before God.

Those obligations and duties include the responsibilities

To initiate, according to the laws of this Commonwealth, the impeachment and removal of both the governor and the justices of the Supreme Court who acted in concert with the governor in his continued and unlawful violations of the laws of this Commonwealth and of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and of the Constitution of the United States, and

To issue a concurrent resolution of the House and Senate declaring the decision of the Supreme Court justices acting on King's Bench authority in declaring the lawful action of the General Assembly, as contained in House Resolution 836, to be null, void, and without authority, and

To inform the citizens of the Commonwealth of the serious detrimental nature in which the governor and the executive branch have operated in league with the Supreme Court justices, and

To act under the authority of constitutional oath to support and defend the Constitutions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and of the United States, and

To declare that all orders issued pursuant to the governor's emergency declaration are void.

Such orders include, but are not limited to, orders pertaining to public gatherings, church attendance, school functions, the wearing of face masks, or any other freedom-limiting action. These orders should be declared void as an unlawful exercise of the office of the governor and all laws duly enacted by this and prior legislatures should be resumed until this General Assembly, under the authority granted to it as representatives of the people, makes new law in accordance with the established lawmaking process contained in the Constitution of this Commonwealth, duly passed by both chambers of the General Assembly and signed by the governor.

Respectfully Submitted, Hon, Sam Rohrer

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SIGN THE RESOLUTION AND TAKE ACTION

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