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The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 225 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

I recognize that the Commonwealth has faced unprecedented challenges in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in the last year. I have worked with your offices and legislative liaisons in response to business closures, unemployment compensation issues and mitigation orders. I have continued to stress the importance of working together towards a common goal throughout the pandemic. Nonetheless, I am unable to understand or articulate why the actions of the Acting-Secretary of Health have resulted in one of the state's leading vaccine providers being cut off from vaccine supply.

On March 17, 2021, based on the unilateral orders of the Department of Health, Mr. Bretton Walberg, owner of Walberg Family Pharmacies and a constituent, was removed from your focused vaccine provider list. It is my understanding that the decision was based on the need to reduce the vaccine providers to a more manageable level. However, I do not understand why this provider, in particular, was removed.

Mr. Walberg has operated vaccine clinics all over western Pennsylvania and administered over 37,000 vaccinations to citizens of The Commonwealth. Furthermore, he has been able to coordinate and train other vaccine providers. He has complied with recording mandates and the scheduling requirements you have demanded of him and still he was removed from your list.

I implore you to review your decision and reinstate the Walberg Family Pharmacies as a vaccine provider under your current policies. Please contact me for any additional information you would need in support of this measure. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Parke Wentling

State Representative

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