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Al Lindsay, Chairman of the Butler County Republican Committee, states “On behalf of the BCRC Executive Committee, we offer our support and we applaud the courage of our Butler County Commissioners, Leslie Osche and Kim Geyer, in their effort to open our businesses in an orderly, respectful way, as we move into a new phase in our response to the threat of the Covid-19 virus.”

We are disappointed that Governor Wolf did not give County governments throughout the State the option to develop and implement their own plans to mitigate the spread of Covid-19, following the standards that are being followed by our citizens since the crisis began.

The Governor’s insistence that he alone is to direct which businesses are to open and which must remain closed was implemented by his veto of any Legislative effort to share in deciding what control measures are appropriate for different areas of the State.

Several attempts have been made to curb Governor Wolf’s singular control. Recently our State House and State Senate passed bills to allow a number of specific businesses to open regardless of Gov. Wolf’s orders, in terms of the dictates of his red, yellow and green phases. We are calling for Governor Wolf to sign these bills: House Bills 2388 and 2412 and Senate Bill 327.

Senate Bill 327 would give County governments independence in managing the needs of each County. After repeated and diligent efforts to present reasonable options to the Governor’s team, our Commissioners took their last option by voting to ratify Butler County’s participation in a lawsuit challenging Governor Wolf’s emergency orders which they said violate the U.S. Constitution.

We applaud our Commissioners, Leslie Osche and Kim Geyer, and, as Pat Stirling, BCRC Secretary, states, “We invite all of our Butler County citizens, as a county ... Democrats and Republicans, business owners, employees, men, women and children ... to unite as we pull out of this unprecedented crisis with courage and good will toward all.”

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