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The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
225 Main Capitol
The Pennsylvania State Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

As our mutual constituents struggle with the effects of the pandemic situation, outdoor activity is proving to be a lifeline for many. On the shores of Lake Erie, we have many boaters and fisher persons who find peace and tranquility out on the lake.

I was intrigued to read that New York, Connecticut and New Jersey boatyards and marinas have been given clearance to open for personal use. Naturally this announcement comes with guidelines about social distancing and sanitation protocols.

This recreational avenue is certainly as important in Pennsylvania especially in Erie County as it is in the aforementioned states. I ask that you give serious consideration to allow the reopening of these facilities with the appropriate precautions.

I understand the need for thoughtful and careful strategic re-openings. At this time I urge you to consider opening our boatyards and marinas as soon as possible.

I would also encourage you to take a serious look at opening golf courses. Now that they are open in New York and other states, I fear we will see many golfers crossing the border for a round of golf. Obviously that will be detrimental to Pennsylvania golf courses and the related economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Laughlin".

Dan Laughlin
State Senator
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