

# NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP

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Office of the Governor  
Attn: Governor Tom Wolf  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

Respectfully, the Newberry Township Board of Supervisors are and have been frustrated with many of the over-reaching orders put in place by you or, your Secretary of Health since the beginning of the pandemic this past March and, which continue yet today.

Thomas Jefferson stated that “the price of freedom is eternal vigilance”. As elected supervisors of Newberry Township located in York County, Pennsylvania we feel a moral obligation, to the people who elected us, to be vigilant and uphold the constitution that we were sworn to protect. *Our purpose in writing to you is to outline our concerns for our freedoms under the guise of individual protection and for public safety.*

We reject that these limitations are CDC requirements as much as they are justification for public control. We reject the notion that these limitations are solely based on data or facts with regards to COVID-19.

COVID-19 concerns started with a request for four to six weeks stay at home orders. As good citizens, we complied and respected this request. Almost a year later we find ourselves not much better off!

We object to your administration claiming expansion powers, under emergency protocol, to tread on individual rights of its citizens. We need you to listen and respect our concerns rather than placing arbitrary restrictions on our citizens. We believe that the power you have yielded during this pandemic is oppressive and harmful to the mental health of many.

Specifically, we question your legal right to:


- Limit how many people households are allowed to invite – or even not to invite them at all- into our homes or telling us not to travel during the pandemic. You are infringing upon our freedom to interact and enjoy our loved ones during this troubling time when we need them the most!

- Place restrictions on church worship while allowing casinos to not only be open but serve alcohol as well! *Since when is Godly worship and family gatherings less important than gambling and alcohol consumption?!*
- Requirements to wear a mask at indoor restaurants or inside/outside our homes where people from multiple households are gathering. **It is unreasonable and, does not follow the science, that this is a requirement even if they can maintain a social distance!**
- Threats of enforceable citations and fines and possible regulatory actions for “repeat offenders”. We believe it is noteworthy of mention that last spring criminals, and not all were for minor infractions, were released from prison. **Would these possible regulatory actions submit the “repeat offender” to possible jail time?** It is seeming odd that criminals would be released and COVID-19 “offenders may see jail time...”

While we understand that you, as governor, have the legal right to educate, encourage and advise the people of Pennsylvania. As you undertake these initiatives, we respectfully demand that you DO NOT violate individual rights, freedoms and liberties that are founding principles of our great country. As the citizens of Pennsylvania receive appropriate information, from your administration, let people exercise their free-will to make their decisions.

In closing, we stand by these words uttered by Benjamin Franklin, “*They who would give up an essential liberty for temporary security, deserve neither liberty or security.*” We petition for liberty, freedom and less government afforded under the United States Constitution.

Respectfully:




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Dave Kirkpatrick, Chairman




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Maxine Kauffman, Vice-Chairman




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