

# The Democratic Caucus



## Senate of Pennsylvania

July 1, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf  
Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
508 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

As you are aware, protecting homeowners and renters across the Commonwealth during COVID-19 has been a priority for our caucus.

In early March, we led the charge to have a moratorium on foreclosures and evictions included in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's statewide judicial emergency. As the court's order came to an end, our caucus asked for you to step in, which you did. We pushed for a vote in the Senate to provide statutory protections for all homeowners and renters.

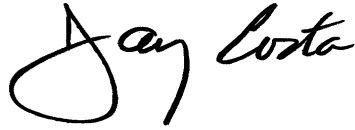
The actions of our caucus, the Supreme Court and you have ensured that no individual or family would have to worry about whether or not they are able to stay in their home or apartment. As we are all aware, your moratorium on foreclosures and evictions is quickly approaching its end date of July 10. Thanks to our collective efforts, \$175 million was made available for relief to homeowners and renters in the recently enacted Commonwealth CARES Supplemental Budget.

Since enactment, the Pennsylvania Housing Agency (PHFA) has worked diligently to get the mortgage assistance and rent assistance programs up and running. As you know, the applications can be submitted on July 6. As our caucus discussed with you earlier this week, we believe additional time is needed to ensure that payments from the program are made prior to the expiration of the moratorium. Any delay in receiving payments from the program could potentially lead to mortgage companies and landlords beginning the foreclosure or eviction process while an application for assistance is pending with a county or PHFA.

Due to this concern, we are asking that you extend this moratorium until at least August 31, 2020.

We thank you for your ongoing commitment to the homeowners and renters throughout the Commonwealth and look forward to continuing to fight alongside you to protect all Pennsylvanians.

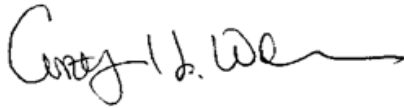
Sincerely,



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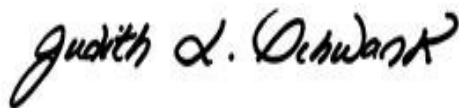
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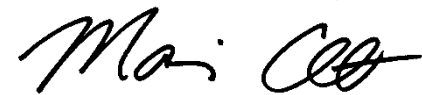
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