



March 20, 2020

Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Dear Governor Wolf:

I am writing to you to request that you exempt lime manufacturing operations from your recent order to contain the spread of Coronavirus. Lime is a necessary and critical ingredient for purifying drinking water at many water treatment plants. It is also critical in reducing air pollutants at electric utilities, and reducing acid mine drainage. Lime is also key in the steel manufacturing process, and is also used in the manufacture of latex and other components necessary in addressing the Coronavirus crisis.

We understand that your order was designed to limit the spread of Coronavirus. However, we believe that stopping lime production will have serious unintended consequences that will be significantly more harmful than keeping those critical lime plants open with appropriate safeguards in place to protect the workers at the plants.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at wcherz@lime.org.

Sincerely,

William Herz
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