



CITY OF PITTSBURGH  
**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
MAYOR WILLIAM PEDUTO

March 19, 2020

The Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati III  
President Pro Tempore, Pennsylvania State Senate  
292 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Honorable Michael C. Turzai  
Speaker, Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
139 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2028

Dear President Pro Tempore Scarnati and Speaker Turzai,

On behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, I write to you today to support the American Working Family Relief Action Plan. As a package of policies and legislation, the proposed action would provide vitally needed support for our working families and most vulnerable populations in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. This platform has support from over forty organizations representing over one million workers across the state of Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Caucus has also already endorsed the platform. We are facing a public health crisis of an unprecedented scale in modern history and we must come together to expand healthcare access, protect front-line workers and communities, provide economic relief for working families, and protect our values, safety, and voices.

The American Working Family Relief Action Plan recognizes that in times of crisis, our working families and most vulnerable populations are disproportionately harmed. With the level of disruption to our workforce and economy, the platform, among other measures, calls for emergency funding for safety equipment and mental health support for front-line healthcare workers, direct support professionals and first responders, enhancement of food security programs, review and revision of public benefit and compensation eligibility requirements to support low-income, seasonal, contract, and gig workers, and suspension of foreclosures, utility shutoffs, evictions, credit defaults, school loan payments, and other liens for workers who may have been laid off or have reduced hours.

With the outbreak of COVID-19, we find ourselves in extraordinary times. These times demand collaboration and bold action from government to support the people they serve. I appreciate your consideration of this letter. Please contact Lindsay Powell ([lindsay.powell@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:lindsay.powell@pittsburghpa.gov)) in my Office with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W Peduto".

William Peduto  
Mayor of Pittsburgh