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The Honorable Tom Wolf  
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Dear Governor-elect Wolf:

Congratulations on securing the confidence of the voters of Pennsylvania and thank you for your willingness to serve.

You have been overwhelmingly called to lead, including on behalf of Pennsylvania's greatest natural resource – our children.

Your election comes at a time that Pennsylvania remains in the spotlight for the on-going effects of a serial child sexual abuse scandal and as the media now details the unrelenting and life-ending physical abuse endured by a young Chester County boy.

We know you share our urgency that protecting PA infants, children and youth demands focused analysis and strategies.

We have joined together to urge you to direct your transition team to intentionally examine and report back to you regarding the role of state government in preventing all forms of child abuse and in the design and implementation of effective child-centered interventions.

We would ask that you direct your advisors and transition team to directly provide you with actionable steps to promote and sustain a commitment to child protection policies, practices, and funding decisions that are intentional, interdisciplinary, transparent and routinely measured. As a starting point, we are again sharing a list of child protection questions provided during the gubernatorial campaign.

We firmly believe that preventing child abuse and implementing effective interventions are shared community responsibilities – activities in which government is a critical, but in no way the singular, partner to healing and changed culture. Still government’s role cannot be diminished nor can the importance of executive-level leadership be overstated.

We are confident that you will not only step forward and speak up for abused children, but also that you will use the power of the bully pulpit to enlist every Pennsylvania adult to do their part to nurture and protect Pennsylvania’s children.

Sincerely,

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