

April 23, 2020

TO: Governor Tony Evers  
Wisconsin State Senate  
Wisconsin State Assembly

Dear Governor Evers and the Wisconsin State Legislature,

We write in full support of Governor Evers' continued Safer at Home order and in the hope that other leaders across Wisconsin will do the same.

Safer At Home has limited the spread of the COVID-19 virus, flattened the curve and saved lives. Before Safer at Home, Wisconsin doubled its COVID-19 positive cases every 3.4 days. The rate of doubling has decreased to every 12 days. Without Safer at Home, and the time it allows for Wisconsin to build additional capacity to manage the virus, COVID-19 cases would re-surge and overwhelm our health systems, setting Wisconsin further back from our goal of returning to work and to our normal lives. Without Safer at Home, our first responders would be at higher risk, we would endanger vulnerable Wisconsinites and, in the end, slow down our economic recovery.

As business, community and labor leaders, health professionals and elected officials, we agree that limiting the spread of the virus must be our first priority. We support the Governor's plan to re-open Wisconsin in phases, informed by science. Relaxing restrictions over time while not compromising the health and safety of our communities is the right strategy. This approach will also give Wisconsin the necessary time to expand testing and tracing systems, build capacity within the health care system, and secure additional personal protective equipment.

Safer at Home is right for Wisconsin, its communities, businesses, and workers.

Sincerely,

Kids Forward, Ken Taylor Executive Director

Community Advocates, Andi Elliott CEO

Independence First, Marci Boucher President and CEO

Forward Latino, Inc.

ABC for Health

NAACP-Milwaukee Chapter

Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce

SEIU Wisconsin State Council

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee, Amy M. Chionchio President and CEO

Racine Interfaith Coalition  
Project Restoration, Walter Fields CEO  
Wisconsin AFL-CIO  
Center for Self-Sufficiency, Dr. Carl Wesley President and CEO  
Trouble and Sons Pizzeria, Whitefish Bay  
Wisconsin Council of Churches, Peter Bakken Justice and Witness Coordinator  
Neighborhood House of Milwaukee, Jeff Martinka Executive Director  
United Steel Workers  
America's Black Holocaust Museum, Robert Davis Executive Director  
Souls to the Polls, Greg Lewis Executive Director  
Imagine MKE, David Lee CEO  
Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Ann Jacobs Chair  
Wisconsin Family Ties, Inc., Hugh Davis Executive Director  
Milwaukee Jewish Community Relations Council  
Iron Workers District Council of North Central States  
Milwaukee Coalition for Children's Mental Health, Blake Tierney Coalition Manager  
First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom  
Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce  
WRTP Big Step, Matt Waltz COO  
Wisconsin Laborers District Council  
Project Return, Eugene Nelson FSET Coordinator  
Milwaukee Urban League, Eve Hall Executive Director  
Pastors United, Greg Lewis Founder and President  
Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health, Sara Finger Executive Director  
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YMCA Downtown Milwaukee, Carrie Wall President and CEO  
Citizen Action of Wisconsin, Claire Zautke Health Care Director  
Racine Educators United (REA-REAA)  
Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice, Rabbi Bonnie Margulis Executive Director  
WI Black Historical Society, Clayborn Benson Founder  
The Center for Public Skills Training, Frank Martinelli President  
Moxie Food and Drink, Whitefish Bay  
PowHer Network, Chauntel McKenzie Founder & Principal

Teamsters Local 200  
Imagine MKE, David Lee CEO  
Saint Paul Church Of God In Christ, Pastor Walter Fields  
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Planned Parenthood Advocates of WI  
American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin  
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Muslim Civic Alliance, Will Perry President  
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UniteMKE, Bria Grant Executive Director  
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Church of the Living God, Bishop Stephan Hawkins  
NextGen Wisconsin  
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Erin McCarthy, Greendale School District, 2020 WI Teacher of the Year  
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Kim Butler, Small Business Owner  
Rick Erickson, Bayfield School District, 2019 President Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, 2014 Wisconsin Teacher of the Year  
Jonathan Davidson, High School Teacher  
Paula Phillips, Milwaukee Public Schools School Board Director  
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Jen Rombalski, LaCrosse Public Health  
Jo Elle Burke, 200 Main Art & Wine Gallery  
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JoAnne Krabbe, Owner Krabbe Law Offices, LLC

Heather Ullsvik Loomans, Small Business Owner, Mother of a youth with Juvenile Diabetes

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