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TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pursuant to Article III, Section 9 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I veto and disapprove, and return herewith, House Resolution 836, Printer's Number 3910.

We are living in unprecedented times as we confront the extraordinary challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, as Pennsylvanians we have come together to make sacrifices for the common good. The disaster emergency steps we have taken have saved lives across the Commonwealth and have flattened the curve so that our health systems and communities would not be overwhelmed by a surge of COVID-19 cases.

Because of the success of our early mitigation efforts, we have been able to reopen Pennsylvania while prioritizing the health and welfare of its citizens. However, we still need to be vigilant. This pandemic is relentless, and confirmed cases are continuing to rise. We still need to take precautions to keep ourselves and our communities healthy.

As a co-equal branch of government, I am utilizing my constitutional authority to veto this concurrent resolution and maintain the current state of disaster emergency. The threat and danger of this pandemic have not passed. Emergency action is still needed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens and we need to keep these protections and programs in place. Furthermore, we need to continue to use emergency resources and supports as we continue mitigation and recovery. At some point, we will be ready as a Commonwealth to move past the disaster emergency currently challenging us. But that day is unfortunately not yet here.

For the reasons set forth above, I must veto, disapprove, and withhold my signature from House Resolution 836, PN 3910.

Sincerely,

TOM WOLF
Governor