



Middle Tennessee Mayors Caucus

March 21, 2020

The Honorable Bill Lee
Governor of Tennessee
Tennessee State Capitol
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Subject: Support for Statewide Shelter in Place to Curtail COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Governor Lee:

On behalf of several mayors and county executives across Middle Tennessee, I write to thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times and to voice our support for a statewide Shelter in Place or “stay at home” directive to combat the growing number of cases of COVID-19 in our communities. While there is no specific roadmap to deal with the escalating and destructive disease, a March 20, 2020 letter signed by groups representing more than 6,000 physicians and public health professionals across the Tennessee medical community makes a strong case that such government action is critical to minimizing the public health consequences. We are proud of the selfless response of many local elected and businesses leaders across our State, but we must also emphasize that our ability to manage the pandemic at the local level is limited and varied. Moreover, while some businesses have taken swift and decisive action, others need more guidance in order to feel confident in making the necessary, but tough decisions about their operations.

We feel strongly that the quickest path to recovery is a uniform response to this challenge. We urge you to consider the recommendation of the medical community to implement this directive and we are willing to weigh in on the specific details, if necessary.

We are extremely grateful for your thoughtful and careful approach during these trying times. Please know that we are here to support you and the State of Tennessee with our full capacity.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Moore', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ken Moore, City of Franklin Mayor
Mayors Caucus Chair

Cc: Members of the Middle Tennessee Delegation to the TN General Assembly
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