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The Honorable Eric Holcomb, Indiana Governor  
Office of the Governor  
Indiana Statehouse  
200 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Dear Governor Eric Holcomb,

I am writing to ask that you take further steps to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19 across the state of Indiana. This pandemic requires a comprehensive and aggressive response from both state and national leaders in order to provide relief for Hoosier families and businesses.

These are my proposals:

- Publicly call on President Trump to dramatically expand COVID-19 testing capacity through laboratory investment and logistics expansion, based on the South Korean walk-in and drive-thru clinic models. The longer we wait to expand testing, the longer the crisis will be dragged out.
- Publicly call on President Trump to invoke the Defense Production Act swiftly and expansively, for the production of N95 respirators, ventilators, 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and other patient protective equipment (PPE).
- Direct the State Department of Health to accelerate re-certification on an emergency basis of licenses for former doctors and nurses who are still living in Indiana and would like to come out of retirement to join the fight against COVID-19.
- Direct the State Department of Health to discuss with the Indiana National Guard potential plans to use gymnasiums, convention centers, hotels, and arenas as temporary field hospitals.
- Direct the Secretary of State and Indiana Election Commission to begin discussing emergency plans in the worst-case-scenario that the November General Election be conducted 100% vote by mail, in order to preserve the fabric of our democracy.
- Call on the United States Congress to pass a bipartisan economic stimulus bill that prioritizes workers over corporations, holds corporations accountable for receiving any stimulus, and makes bans on stock buybacks, excessive executive compensation, anti-worker practices, and offshoring jobs conditional on acceptance of any aid.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter, and for your continued efforts to protect Hoosiers during this uncertain and troubling time. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Chris Chyung  
State Representative, Indiana House District 15