

PAM SNYDER, MEMBER  
50TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

**CAPITOL OFFICE:**  
203 IRVIS OFFICE BUILDING  
P.O. BOX 202050  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120-2050  
(717) 783-3797

**CARMICHAELS OFFICE:**  
104 SOUTH MARKET STREET, SUITE 101  
CARMICHAELS, PENNSYLVANIA 15320  
(724) 966-8953

**BROWNSVILLE OFFICE:**  
113 THORNTON ROAD  
BROWNSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 15417  
(724) 785-8477

**WAYNESBURG OFFICE:**  
61 W. HIGH STREET  
SUITE 2  
WAYNESBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 15370  
(724) 627-8683



**House of Representatives**  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

CHAIRMAN, SOUTHWEST DEMOCRATIC  
DELEGATION

DEPUTY WHIP

**COMMITTEES**

AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY  
LABOR & INDUSTRY

**CAUCUSES**

COAL CAUCUS, CO-CHAIR  
BROADBAND CAUCUS, CO-CHAIR

August 6, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf  
Governor of Pennsylvania  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

As restaurants across our Commonwealth grapple with the effects of COVID-19, I am writing to urge you to reconsider your recent mitigation efforts that are jeopardizing restaurants' ability to survive this pandemic.

I agree that targeting bad actors – bars or restaurants that have not been complying with social distancing, masking, or capacity limits – is vital to slowing the spread of this disease. It is unfair, however, to crack down uniformly on all restaurants and taverns, in all areas of the state. A 25% capacity limit is not only unsustainable for these establishments, it is unclear whether this provides significantly better health outcomes than 50% capacity restrictions.

Furthermore, as a representative on the border of West Virginia, these restrictions put our businesses at a competitive disadvantage and may be counterproductive for residents who will simply cross the state line to dine more freely. The Governor of West Virginia is implementing restrictions on a county-by-county basis, instead of blanket regulations that negatively impact areas with a small number of cases.

I respectfully ask you to revert to your previous guidelines allowing 50% indoor capacity for restaurants and bars and urge you to employ the surgical approach of placing restrictions on a county-by-county basis so that bars and restaurants in my area can survive the devastating impacts of your order. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Snyder".

Pam Snyder  
State Representative  
50<sup>th</sup> Legislative District