



The City of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

From the Desk of Dwan B. Walker, Mayor

July 14, 2020

Senator Pat Toomey
310 Grant Street, Suite 1440
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Senator Toomey,

Thank you for your partnership during this time of national crisis. As the COVID-19 pandemic persists, your efforts have been and will continue to be critical to Pennsylvania's recovery efforts. As the Senate prepares its next pandemic response bill, it is vital that cities like the City of Aliquippa are not forgotten.

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As you know, most cities, including the city of Aliquippa, are required by law to run a balanced budget. Without federal support, many cities will be forced to lay off employees and make cuts to essential services, including those for public safety. We are still in the midst of a pandemic, and we cannot afford to be furloughing and laying off employees or cutting city services at a time when our residents need them most.

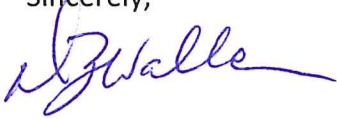
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Thank you again for your leadership, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Dwan B. Walker
Mayor



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Senator Robert P. Casey
200 N. Third Street
Suite 14A
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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