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November 23, 2020

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

Dear Governor Wolf,

On behalf of Pennsylvania's orthopaedic community, I urge you to sign HB 1737 PN 4625 into law. This important legislation is supported by a broad range of industries and employers throughout Pennsylvania and provides the healthcare, nonprofit, education and business communities with a temporary safe harbor from unwarranted lawsuits. HB 1737's limited immunity provisions also do not preclude appropriate civil action against bad actors or those irresponsibly acting during the COVID-19 pandemic. As president of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society (PAOrtho), I respectfully request you enact HB 1737.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues its rampage across the Commonwealth and the nation, physicians of all specialties have risen to the occasion and staffed emergency departments as well as other facilities treating COVID patients. Orthopaedic surgeons have done their part as well. PAOrtho members have joined frontline healthcare professionals to ensure hospital capacity is not overstressed. HB 1737's limited immunity provisions are vital to ensure that Pennsylvania's healthcare community can continue to fight the virus and not trial lawyers.

PAOrtho appreciates the work your Administration has done thus far during the pandemic. HB 1737 is an important element in our joint response. Please sign this legislation into law as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guille".

James Guille, MD  
President, Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society