

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

The Honorable Josh Shapiro  
Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General  
Strawberry Square  
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Dear Attorney General Shapiro:

As you may have seen, the Attorney General of New York recently released a [report](#) on their office's ongoing investigation related to nursing homes and their responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the most troubling revelations of this report is that COVID-19 nursing home fatalities were undercounted by roughly 50 percent in New York State.

One of the primary causes of the large number of nursing home fatalities in New York was the state government's order that nursing homes admit COVID-19 positive individuals. The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) issued a similar guidance on March 18, 2020, requiring that nursing homes allow new admissions and re-admissions, including individuals that had been diagnosed with COVID-19. Public reporting from PA DOH indicates that more than half of the COVID-19 related deaths in Pennsylvania have been attributable to nursing and personal home care populations.

We have heard from many Pennsylvanians that are concerned with the state policies that put nursing and personal care home facility residents at risk. Does your office plan to offer a similar report as the New York State Attorney General's office? What is your plan to ensure that all publicly available information on this important topic is reliable and accurate?

Please contact us if we can be helpful in any way.

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