



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Dear Legislative Leaders:

In my letter dated January 7, 2021, I expressed to you my desire to work collaboratively to find a pathway for an orderly end of the peacetime emergency while maintaining our ability to respond effectively to the pandemic and continue to save the lives of Minnesotans. I shared a list of actions that I have taken via emergency executive orders and encouraged you to begin the work of enacting into law those key provisions so that I may end those orders at a time when the pandemic presents a less significant and rapidly evolving challenge to Minnesota.

I am writing to follow up on that letter in light of the work that Chair Pelowski is leading in the House to address this critical topic. As a former member of a legislative body who believes strongly in the importance of legislative deliberation and action, I was heartened to learn that the House has begun this essential work in Chair Pelowski's committee.

Minnesota has long been a model for good governance rooted in a spirit of collaboration. By working together on transferring these key life-saving provisions from executive to legislative action, we can demonstrate to the country how executive and legislative leaders can come together to nimbly tackle the varied challenges that the pandemic has presented. I look forward to this conversation and encourage you to pass legislation that addresses the core emergency response efforts including, but not limited to, those outlined in my letter from January 7, 2021.

The legislature has requested a greater role in responding to this once-in-a-lifetime crisis. Now that you are back in regular session, I welcome your work to codify the most important elements of the actions my administration has taken over the past year to save lives and protect Minnesota's economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Walz".

Tim Walz
Governor