

The Honorable Brian Kemp Governor of Georgia 111 State Capitol Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 19, 2020

Dear Governor Kemp,

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity and our activists across Georgia, we commend you for your swift and targeted action to address the legitimate public safety and economic challenges associated with the spread of the novel coronavirus.

While state and local officials across the country are looking for ways to address concern and solve the various challenges arising from this unprecedented emergency, your leadership to address these growing concerns through the March 14th, 2020 executive order stands out.

Americans for Prosperity on March 17 issued a <u>guidance memo</u> for state-based reforms that policymakers should adopt to help respond to the spread of COVID-19 and expand access to critical health care services for those who need it.

In accordance with the memo, Americans for Prosperity applauds your recent executive order that will move our state closer to responding to the challenges posed by COVID-19:

- By lifting licensing barriers to allow health care providers to work in Georgia, regardless of the state in which they are licensed, medical professionals are able to fully provide the services they are trained for and are able to increase access to health care services.
- And, by lifting regulatory restrictions on commercial truck drivers, those professionals can continue to stock stores with much needed supplies, providing more Georgians with access to the goods they need.

To continue ensuring that high-risk populations have access to critical health care services, we encourage your administration to consider lifting regulatory barriers on telehealth and telemedicine for all patients, including those on public health programs such as Medicaid. This will allow medical professionals to provide services to a larger number of patients while also limiting the potential spread of the virus which could result from traditional, in-person office visits.

Thank you for your swift leadership in addressing this public health emergency effectively. We are hopeful that together, we will effectively overcome the challenges we face.

Sincerely, Stephen Allison State Director Americans for Prosperity Georgia