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Governor J.B. Pritzker  
Office of the Governor  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph, 16-100  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Governor Pritzker:

I understand that no manual was given to any Governor on how to efficiently handle the COVID-19 pandemic. I also recognize the difficult task that you have in keeping our residents safe while simultaneously trying to keep the economy moving forward. With this in mind, in consultation with local leaders, the attached Re-Opening Plan was developed by the Village of Orland Park. The purpose of this Plan is to offer recommendations on how to safely phase reopening based on the local feedback received.

As you know, the State is overwhelmed with unemployment requests and revenue projections at the State and local levels are down significantly. Re-opening the economy using a measured and staged approach will help get people back to work, minimize the revenue losses at the state and local levels and help our society return to a sense of normalcy.

A phased approach to re-opening is a measured way to re-open the economy while keeping our residents safe. The phases in the Re-Opening Plan are as follows:

- Phase Zero – Preliminary re-openings
- Phase One – Business re-openings
- Phase Two – All business open
- Phase Three – Complete re-opening
- Monitoring Phase – Monitor progress and implement social distancing measures, if needed

Since the beginning of this crisis, rather than being engaged in the process, local officials have been informed of these decisions via press conferences. This creates enormous challenges for local government bodies that are often tasked with enforcement.

Local officials are sympathetic to the demands you face, but they also understand the needs of their residents and businesses and are responsible to implement your decisions. For this reason, it is critical that as a re-opening plan is developed, local leaders are involved in the process.

I hope you find the attached plan helpful. Thank you for your consideration and for your efforts during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Pekau". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Keith Pekau  
Village President, Village of Orland Park