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The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor  
Office of the Governor  
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Dear Governor Northam:

I am writing as a follow-up to my July 23<sup>rd</sup> letter regarding COVID-19 targeted restrictions. I appreciate the inclusive approach you took to initiate Executive Order 68 to address the increasing test positivity, case counts and hospitalizations in the Hampton Roads region.

Virginia Beach has a cumulative total of 5,876 cases, 65 cumulative deaths, and 314 hospitalizations, with 52 cumulative outbreaks. The cumulative number of cases released from isolation 1,082 (18%). The good news is the number of cases reported is declining, the percent of positive laboratory results in Virginia Beach has dropped below the statewide average to 6.0 % and we're seeing a shorter test-result turnaround time as the demand for testing is declining. Although the number of reported cases is declining, it is not yet a time to celebrate.

However, I am seeking your consideration for modification of two of the EO 68 restrictions.

1. Change the discontinuation of alcohol sales at 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm; and
2. Eliminate the 50% occupancy restriction for indoor dining, but maintain EO 67 distancing requirements.

Your consideration of these modifications to the restrictions is greatly appreciated. We continue to stand by to support the Commonwealth in any way we can to slow this virus down.

Sincerely,

Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer  
Mayor

c: City Council