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Governor Ned Lamont Office of the Governor 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

## **Dear Governor Lamont:**

I am writing to ask that you immediately call all legislative leaders together to begin a series of meetings to collaboratively review each executive order related to the state's COVID-19 response efforts to determine whether each needs to be codified, modified or terminated.

Given that your executive powers end on April 20, 2021 we must begin these meetings no later than March 31, 2021. We must work diligently with a goal to make our final recommendations by Friday, April 9, 2021. Working toward this proposed deadline will allow for the time necessary to draft legislative language addressing the orders that need to be codified or modified. It will also allow time for votes to occur in both chambers of the General Assembly prior to April 20, 2021.

We must give fairness, consistency and direction to the people of Connecticut. It is not fair to expect people to make decisions based on government orders that only apply for 30-day increments. We must determine which orders need to become law and restore three equal branches of government.

While CT Republicans requested this process to begin in January, Democrat legislative leaders did not advance this effort. I was disappointed conversations did not occur earlier, but there is still nearly a month to complete the work necessary to pass legislation and create the stability our residents deserve with all voices at the table.

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Kelly

Senate Republican Leader

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Senator Martin Looney, President Pro Tempore Senator Bob Duff, Senate Majority Leader

Representative Matt Ritter, Speaker of the House

Representative Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader