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*Mayors from Pennsylvania's 15 largest cities call for immediate fiscal relief and economic recovery assistance*

Mayor Paige Gebhardt Cognetti joined Mayors from the largest cities across the Commonwealth in signing a letter to Pennsylvania's Congressional delegation calling for immediate fiscal relief and economic recovery assistance.

Local governments are on the forefront of combatting the COVID-19 virus and need relief to support critical services like police, fire, and public works as they face potentially catastrophic drop-offs in revenues. Cities also need to be able to help struggling residents who have lost work and small business owners who are at risk of losing it all.

“Like all cities right now, here in Scranton we have to be conservative and plan for the worst case scenario in terms of revenues,” said Cognetti. “We are just starting to get data from March and April to help us determine what we might be facing; we will do everything we can to protect our public safety budgets and reinvent how we deliver services to residents. Cities are not isolated from the rest of the economy. We need help from Washington.”

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