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**House Republican Response to Lebanon County Suing Gov. Wolf Over CARES Act Funding**

*It's time for Gov. Wolf to do the right thing, save taxpayers money, and release the duly-appropriated funding*

**HARRISBURG** – Lebanon County on Wednesday filed suit in Commonwealth Court to compel Gov. Tom Wolf to release the \$13 million in CARES Act dollars he unilaterally withheld to punish the county over changing COVID-19 mitigation phases in advance of his directives.

In response, **PA House Republican Caucus Spokesperson Jason Gottesman** made the following statement:

“The nearly \$13 million in federal CARES Act dollars being withheld by the Governor was appropriated by the General Assembly to help local communities, volunteer organization, and first responders to address the devastating impacts they are facing as a result of COVID-19. Now, more taxpayer money will be spent compelling the Governor to release this duly-appropriated funding. Enough is enough. It’s time to remove emotion and politics from the equation; and it’s time for Gov. Wolf to avoid costing Lebanon County and Pennsylvania taxpayers more money in an unnecessary court battle by releasing the money appropriated by the General Assembly—and signed by the

governor — to Lebanon County.”

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