

January 25, 2021

The Honorable John Carney  
Tatnall Building  
150 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. South  
Dover, DE 19901



Dear Governor Carney:

As all Delawareans continue to experience the serious health consequences of the pandemic and the necessary restrictions on economic activity enacted by the State continue to take their toll, the Delaware Business Roundtable and the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce have remained laser focused on the important task of how to jump-start our economy. We recognize that we must do so in a manner consistent with prudent public health guidance to avoid any additional impact to the well-being of residents or pressure on the state's healthcare system.

The business community is prepared to immediately assist in the enormous task of vaccinating Delawareans. We are willing to work with the Department of Public Health and others in the Carney Administration to vaccinate efficiently and safely as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.

We are writing today to share with you the attached document entitled, **"The Road to Recovery: Putting Delawareans Back to Work."** This document outlines a number of essential priorities for our State that must be addressed urgently if we are to move more quickly to recover from the pandemic's impact.

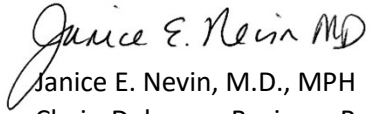
Last April when it was clear the pandemic would have a significant impact on our State, we recommended [several priorities](#) that needed to urgently be addressed, including worker retraining, expanded broadband capacity and assistance for small businesses and their families. While there has been some progress on many of those recommendations, it is clear that much more needs to be accomplished, since the pandemic's impact has now been with us for almost a year.

We believe the recommendations in the "Road to Recovery: Putting Delawareans Back to Work" will create opportunities for Delaware workers and their families and provide an element of hope in an otherwise challenging situation. The recommendations touch many aspects of our life in Delaware – providing tax relief to those who received unemployment compensation, retraining workers whose jobs have been permanently lost, focusing on the availability and quality of child care, establishing education equity, protecting our supply of clean water, and creating and maintaining jobs for Delawareans.

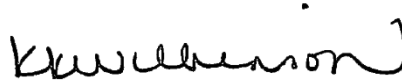
Most importantly, we believe the hallmark of our journey on the Road to Recovery must be collaboration and cooperation – between Democrats and Republicans, between upstate and downstate, between the public and private sectors. We can think of no other time in Delaware's history where such a heightened level of collaboration and cooperation were required to meet a challenge. Just as this crisis isn't "business as usual" for Delawareans, it can't be "politics as usual" for our elected leaders.

The business community stands ready to work with you, your administration, and all members of the Delaware General Assembly to move these crucial recommendations forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice E. Nevin MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "MD" at the end being more distinct.

Janice E. Nevin, M.D., MPH  
Chair, Delaware Business Roundtable

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie K. Wilkinson". The signature is cursive and elegant, with a large, sweeping "K" at the beginning.

Katie K. Wilkinson  
Chair, Delaware State Chamber of Commerce

CC: Members of the General Assembly