March 24, 2020

Governor Ralph S. Northam  
P.O. Box 1475  
Richmond, VA 23218  

By 1st Class and Electronic Mail

Dear Governor Northam:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Charlottesville Fire Department and Charlottesville Police Department to request that your administration immediately take action to implement stricter measures within the Commonwealth of Virginia to combat the spread of COVID-19.

As the current situations in King County, Washington and New York City demonstrate, COVID-19’s spread is proving deadly to Americans and their communities. COVID-19 is spreading rapidly throughout our nation as over 9,000 confirmed cases of the virus have been reported in America on March 23 alone. Virginia must take action now to halt the spread of COVID-19 before it results in further illness and death within the Commonwealth.

We are encouraging you to reconsider Executive Order Number Fifty-Three dated March 23, 2020. We do not believe that this Executive Order’s social distancing measures are sufficient to contain the spread of COVID-19 in Virginia. We request that you revise your Executive Order Number Fifty-Three to mirror the stay-at-home Executive Orders issued by the Governors of New York, California, and Louisiana. These Executive Orders contain stricter provisions that are better policy options to contain the spread of COVID-19.

This is a public health emergency, and we urge you to act immediately to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our fellow Virginians. We remain

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. RaShall M. Brackney  
Charlottesville Chief of Police

[Signature]

Andrew M. Baxter  
Charlottesville Fire Chief
March 24, 2020

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Dear Governor Northam:

I am writing to you on behalf of all five members of the Charlottesville City Council to request that your administration immediately take action to implement stricter measures within the Commonwealth of Virginia to combat the spread of COVID-19.

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Sincerely,

Nikuyah Walker
Mayor