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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,

Dr. RaShall M. Brackney

Charlottesville Chief of Police

Andrew M. Baxter

Charlottesville Fire Chief

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Nikuyah Walker

Mayor