



State of Connecticut
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

September 15, 2021

The Honorable Ned Lamont
Office of the Governor
State of Connecticut
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont:

As you may recall, the provisions of section 3 of Special Act 21-5 created a bipartisan commission to study statutes governing the issuance of declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and required its members to be appointed by you and the four legislative leaders not later than June 16, 2021 (thirty days after the effective date).

To the best of our knowledge, while we and other legislative leaders have made our appointments to this commission, you have not. The commission's first meeting was supposed to have taken place no later than July 16, 2021. However, the chairpersons, who are required to schedule the first meeting, have also not been chosen since the commission's membership remains incomplete.

The Bipartisan Commission to Study Declarations of the Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies Pursuant to CGS 19a-131a and 28-9 is required not only to study the emergency statutes, but also to make recommendations on how said sections should be amended to provide greater legislative oversight over emergency declarations and the exercise of executive authority. A report of the commission's findings and recommendations is required to be submitted to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2022 – less than four months from now.

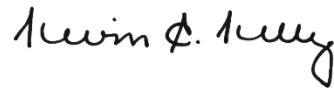
Given the important work this commission must perform, and the looming deadline by which it must complete its work, we trust you will let us know as soon as possible when you plan to make your appointment.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Vincent J. Candelora in black ink.

Vincent Candelora
House Republican Leader

Handwritten signature of Kevin P. Kelly in black ink.

Kevin Kelly
Senate Republican Leader