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Governor Mike DeWine
Lt. Governor Jon Husted
77 S. High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted,

During this unprecedented time, bold action must be taken to protect all Ohioans. Given the nature of how contagious COVID-19 is and how elevated the mortality rates are, the difficult choices being made by the Administration will result in fewer illnesses and, ultimately, fewer fatalities. The strategy being implemented by the state takes into consideration not only the impact on the general population, but also supports vulnerable individuals, older adults, and patients in need of medical services, to keep our health care workers and system from becoming overwhelmed.

On behalf of our provider members, the individuals they serve, and their families, LeadingAge Ohio extends our sincere appreciation for your decisive actions that have assisted us in protecting the most vulnerable Ohioans during this crisis. The Administration's timely, concise communications and access to officials and staff has been exceptional. We stand ready to continue to work with the Administration as we work to mitigate harm to Ohioans during this challenging time.

Thank you for your leadership and the care and diligence you have demonstrated throughout this crisis. We are also blessed to have the expertise of Dr. Amy Acton leading the Ohio Department of Health, and we are grateful for her insight, professionalism, and calm as we navigate this uncharted time together.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathryn Brod", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kathryn Brod
President/CEO