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**Greenville, Illinois**

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### **Statement to the Illinois General Assembly**

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Thomas DeVore, Attorney at Law, representing hundreds of Illinois citizens and business owners respectfully seeks action from the Illinois General Assembly on behalf of the people.

Far too much ink has been spilled over the last several months in courtrooms across this state regarding the propriety of efforts taken by the executive branch of government to address matters related to COVID-19. None of this litigation has served the best interests of the good people of our state, as litigation is never the answer to matters such as these, and should only be a solution when no other viable options exist.

I humbly submit an ever increasing number of our people are growing weary of months long unilateral executive and administrative action aimed at controlling their businesses and now their children. This has nothing to do with the efficacy of these executive and administrative actions but everything to do with the lack of checks and balances which the legislative branch of government is intended to provide.

On a daily basis I continue to talk to business owners and parents across the state. The executive branches suggestion of attempting to force businesses closed again by threatening their business licenses has them on edge. Hundreds of businesses have advised me they can't afford and won't close again. The proposition of children returning to school under compulsory rules being placed upon them by administrative agencies has parents on edge even more. Extracurricular activities being cancelled is causing great distress to many. If the General Assembly does not intervene and provide some legislative solutions to these matters, I am afraid our state will be irreparably harmed by the loss of faith, and resulting civil disobedience, which is arising.

To that end, I am imploring the General Assembly to convene and take up these important issues on behalf of the people immediately. What necessary regulations our businesses as well as our schools might need to protect the public health are in desperate need of your attention. The legislature is the voice of the people, and I am afraid of what is to come in the weeks ahead without your involvement in crafting wise solutions.

I would advise all my clients to authorize me to stay pending litigation if the General Assembly will please convene and help the people of the state. Businesses and families are all in desperate need of your immediate leadership. Please convene the General Assembly.

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