



*Jim Justice*  
*Governor of West Virginia*

August 12, 2019

Sarah Tucker, Interim Chancellor  
WV Higher Education Policy Commission  
1018 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Suite 700, Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Dear Chancellor Tucker:

Over the last several days I have directed my staff to work with Chairman Ginny Favede and the Wheeling University management team to evaluate the future viability of the University and to ensure that all of the students have an opportunity to successfully complete their degrees in the coming years.

In addition, we have spoken with representatives of the Catholic Diocese of West Virginia and have been assured that they have a long-term vested interest in maintaining Wheeling University as an institution of higher learning for years to come. I am encouraged that the Diocese has invested over \$70 million dollars over the last few months to stabilize the future of the University.

I encourage you and your staff to do everything in your power to ensure that Wheeling University opens on schedule this year and is able to remain in operation for the sake of their students and the community they serve.

Please advise me of any further developments on this issue as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Justice".

Jim Justice  
Governor