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PENNSYLVANIA FITNESS ALLIANCE URGES SUPPORT FOR HB 453 THAT WILL PROTECT GYMS THAT ABIDE BY HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS FROM UNNECESSARY SHUTDOWNS

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(Newtown, PA) – Today, the Pennsylvania Fitness Alliance released a letter urging support for Pennsylvania House Bill 453, sponsored by Rep. Torren Ecker (R).

Along with the letter, Jim Worthington, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Fitness Alliance, issued the following statement:

“We thank Rep. Ecker and the other co-sponsors of HB. 453 for introducing this important piece of legislation. The fitness industry is a key part of Pennsylvania’s healthcare infrastructure and should be protected.

“This legislation provides a waiver to the fitness industry, in the event of another COVID shutdown, providing a gym or health club is limited to 50% maximum occupancy, has a documented plan for safely reopening and is adhering to all the mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Department of Health.

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“We urge the General Assembly to pass this legislation and protect the health and welfare of the people of Pennsylvania.”

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