4.13.20 Notes from Gov Announcement with Regional Governors:

- Gov Cuomo (NY - D)
- Gov Murphy (NJ)
- Gov Lamont (CT)
- Gov Wolf (PA)
- Gov Carney (DE)
- Gov Raimondo (RI)

CUOMO:
- We should look forward to reopening, but needs to be done with a plan, and the art form will be coordination between states.
- Doesn't think we'll have a fully common plan (urban v rural, differing sets of facts).
- Each state will name public health and economic development official, in addition with each state's gov Chief of Staff, and they will develop a plan to reactivate/reopen states' and regional economies - task force.
- Economy and healthcare must be tackled simultaneously.
- Other states are welcome to join: sharing of information, sharing of resources in order to develop a consistent plan between states to avoid counter-action against other states.
- Virus says that political subdivision boundaries make no sense.

MURPHY:
- Calling coordinated effort a prudent approach.
- Notes that states are not yet there, in opening economic activity.
- States that complete health care recovery is required in order to get the economy up and rolling.

LAMONT:
- Major transportation corridor, I-95 & Metro-Corridor. Called the commuter corridor, the "COVID corridor."
- Notes early reopening might mirror resurgence of virus.
- Highlighted testing as important in moving forward.

WOLF:
- "We do, indeed have a future," figuring out how to restore sense of hope, in addition to reopening economy.

CARNEY:
- Connected by Amtrak and the I-95 Corridor. "We have seen the connections among the states."
- Notes that many DE residents live in NJ and PA.
- Metro-Philadelphia area, has been working with Murphy and Wolf to respond to that area's needs.
- Describes post-peak decisions as potentially more difficult than those made in response to the rise in cases.
- Thinks that DE is likely behind in peak, mentions appreciation for other states efforts in curbing the spread.

RAIMONDO:
- Smart, targeted approach to slowly reopen the economy. RI calling their effort "The New Normal." Deep-dive industry by industry in sorting out what technologies can apply for interaction going forward.
- The regional effort will be that much more successful.
- "This virus doesn't care about state borders... and our response shouldn't either.

OTHER STATE SPECIFIC Q&A:

Murphy - Is public health as a priority a rebuke to the Trump admin?
Gov states that he's paying attention to the facts and data; an economic recovery is contingent upon a health care recovery.

Lamont - What kind of voice will the business community have within the discussions? CT rep understands urgency, but nothing is worse than a false start. CT announcing state task force today.

Wolf - Do Gov's disagree with Trump admin stating that Feds are responsible for opening economy? References that the states shut it down, so the responsibility to reopen rests with them. Also emphasized that health care comes first.

Carney - No questions, joked that things "must be well in hand" and thanked Cuomo.
Raimondo - No questions. Stated that she appreciated the leadership from Cuomo, and noted that they will have a better shot at getting it right by working together.

NY SPECIFIC Q&A:

WORK GROUP:
- Work group will start talking tomorrow. "This is about being smart first." Follow the data, the effort is ASAP, but it must be smart.
  - Has to be within weeks.
- If unison isn't possible, let's at least know what each other are doing.
- Coalition is not talking to Canada, but are talking the MA.
- Heads of Econ Dev, heads of Health and Gov's chiefs of staff.
- Must represent statewide plans.
- Seeking, at least, to avoid contradictory policies.

PRESIDENT'S ASSERTION OF ECONOMIC CONTROL:
- Trump suggesting it's his responsibility to reopen economy?
  - Gov states that everything else was left to the states, so that is the management model they are operating under.
  - If the model is changed, explain the method and plan. What are the criteria by which decisions will be made?
  - Consistency is required. Gov has to work with counties and lower subdivisions.
  - There is no "conceptual answer."
  - "My life is all about management and operations."
  - "Tell me how I have to do my job."
- Gov not had conversation with President.
- What are the responsibilities of the state and the Federal Gov.
  - "You want to make those decisions? Tell me."
  - Governors need clarity.
- "I don't believe that they could have a policy that states everybody opens five days from now."
- State doesn't have capacity to test, so will Federal Gov't lead?

ECONOMY:
- Priorities? Gov states the response is part of the working group study.
- The systems must be aligned, and that will be the starting point for the conversations.

NYC SCHOOLS:
- State pursuing action against NYC Mayor assertion? No. The law is clear. "Here, this is a state emergency, the state will follow a uniform plan, or a statewide" strategy. Too much interconnectivity, and must be coordinated with the business plan. Statewide policy "is the law, that is what governs."
- We can't have every local government making decisions making decisions independent from other local gov'ts.
- Schools across the state are closed, and will remain closed until the State says they are open. Refers to 180 day requirement, and state will continue to waive the requirement as long as the state says they are closed.

VENTILATORS:
- "We are fine, if we don't go up." To the extent that they were borrowed, we can return them today, if they need them tomorrow.
- Order was 17k, but about 3k came in.
- The state was negotiating with Chinese companies for orders.
- Governor returns to idea that FEMA needs to step in as lead purchaser instead of individual states.