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March 10, 2020
Ms. Marcia Sully
Great Lakes Region Hosta Society
The American Hosta Society & WNY Hosta Society

Dear Ms. Sully,

This letter is a follow up to our phone conversation of the morning of March 10, 2020. After careful consideration our administration has determined it will be necessary to cancel the upcoming Hosta event scheduled for March 20 and 21, 2020 at Upper Valley Career Center.

There were multiple factors taken into consideration when making our decision. The main focus is always the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff. Also, knowing your organization covers a wide geographical area encompassing at least 10 states, with most, if not all having confirmed cases of the virus, did weigh heavily on our decision.

In addition, Monday, March 9, Governor Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency in Ohio. While there are only three confirmed cases in the state, we are all taking precautions and developing contingency plans for our school operations. This includes, but is not limited to canceling outside events to minimize the risk of potential exposure.

Knowing how much planning goes into this annual event, we felt it was important to notify you of our decision as soon as it was final so you could work with your members and board to share a clear, consistent message on the most recent developments at Upper Valley Career Center and the State of Ohio.

Upper Valley Career Center values the long standing relationship with Hosta and its members and we are disappointed we will not be able to host this year. However, we look forward welcoming you back with us in March of 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Gibson", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Patrick Gibson
Director of Business Operations