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Dear YB Ng

OPEN LETTER TO REVIEW AND ADOPT TARGETED EMCO IN SELANGOR

This is a joint **URGENT APPEAL** by the following associations:

- Persatuan Pengurusan Kompleks Malaysia (PPK) – Malaysia Shopping Malls Association
- Malaysia Retailers Association (MRA)
- Malaysia Retail Chain Association (MRCA)
- Bumiputra Retailers Organisation (BRO)
- Malaysia REIT Managers Association (MRMA)
- Malaysian Association of Theme Park and Family Attractions (MATFA)

We refer to YB's recent comments on MITI allowing more businesses to open in Selangor under EMCO (ref: <https://www.malaysiakini.com/news/582617>). We fully support actions that are based on science and data analytics which in this case, show that most of covid cases are sporadic and spread from the community and not from work places. The apparently high incidence of infection in Selangor is compounded by the mass testing that is being conducted which naturally reveals more cases when compared to states that are not testing as extensively. Thus, the results have to be modulated statistically for a proper "apple-to-apple" objective comparison.

There is a need to balance between lives and livelihood. Restrictions like lockdowns should be applied judiciously and accurately on the identified hotspots otherwise unnecessary injury and harm is inflicted on the people and businesses that have not been directly responsible for the spread of the pandemic especially those that are law-abiding and have diligently adhered to the SOPs and practised self-discipline in restricting movements. Instead of applying intelligent analysis of available data to surgically target hot-spots, to use a sledgehammer over-arching approach of locking down non-hot spots but over districts and almost the entire State is callous and without empathy for the unnecessary additional burden and suffering on the people who are already in desperate a situation with untold despair and disillusion.

Kuala Lumpur has wisely chosen to be more judicious by only locking down building by building. This intelligent action have now yielded great and fast results with the lockdowns being progressively lifted for many such buildings. This shows that such targeted focus is more effective in controlling and reversing the levels of infection. **We urge Selangor to immediately adopt such targeted approach and abandon the sledgehammer approach** to mitigate the serious pain and harm already unfairly imposed on the law-abiding citizens who have diligently adhered to the SOPs and having taken extreme care to avoid infection.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has indeed taken the position that lockdowns cause tremendous harm to livelihoods and the economy and is only a temporary relief, if any. The ultimate solution is mass vaccination to reach herd immunity. Selangor is currently way behind in the vaccination program and now with the promised 18 million doses expected in July, Selangor Government must firmly demand that the proportionate amount of vaccine be allocated to Selangor based on the State's population and that whatever is allocated be expeditiously administered within the same month.

To alleviate further pain and suffering to the citizens of Selangor, we appeal for the immediate abandonment of the district/State wide lockdown and to judiciously and surgically apply targeted EMCO on identified hotspots at building by building level.

Please do not hesitate to contact PPK Malaysia secretariat at secretariat@ppkm.org.my or Ms Evelyn Lo at 012-2922667 in the event you require further details and/or a discussion with our industry players.

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Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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