



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**GOVERNOR NED LAMONT**

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His Excellency Huang Ping  
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China  
Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in New York  
520 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
New York, NY 10036

Re: Personal Protective Equipment for the State of Connecticut

Dear Ambassador Huang Ping:

On behalf of the State of Connecticut, United States, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your family and hope this finds you in good health. The COVID-19 pandemic crisis continues to infect and cause harm to our fellow citizens. In Connecticut we are now experiencing widespread infections and increasing deaths as our state grapples with the immense challenge ahead of us. We know China continues to face this challenge and we hope the worst has passed. This virus does not discriminate between man or woman, adult or child, wealthy or poor, or Chinese or American. We will all need to come together to defeat this global threat.

Fortunately, Connecticut and China already enjoy a wonderful working relationship. In 2018, Connecticut exported over 1.5 billion dollars in goods and services to China and imported over 1.9 billion dollars in goods. Connecticut looks forward to continuing this relationship in its fight against COVID-19 and beyond. However, in order to keep fighting, Connecticut requires more Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) than what is currently available in the state. To that end, we humbly ask for any assistance you could offer us in clearing the way for securing more PPE for our healthcare professionals. We stand ready to follow-up on any suggestions you might have for increasing our access to your great country's manufacturing resources.

If you are amenable to this conversation, please contact Mr. Josh Geballe, Governor Lamont's Chief Operating Officer, at [josh.geballe@ct.gov](mailto:josh.geballe@ct.gov) or 1-860-713-5100. If we work together, we will get through this difficult time, and we hope we can continue our partnership now in our efforts to save lives.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont,  
Governor, State of Connecticut

William Tong  
Attorney General, State of Connecticut

