



Borough of Greencastle

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May 22, 2019

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

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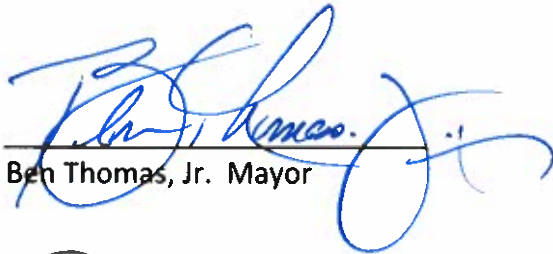
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The Honorable Judy Ward
Pennsylvania State Senate
201 Lincoln Way West
Suite 102
McConnellsburg, PA 17233

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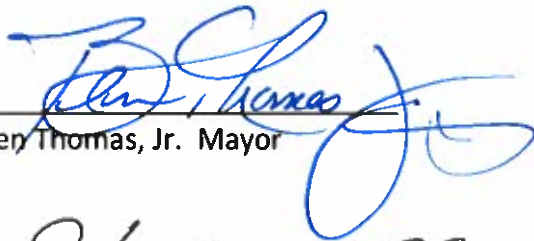
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The Honorable Paul Schemel
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
10655 Antrim Church Road
Greencastle, PA 17225

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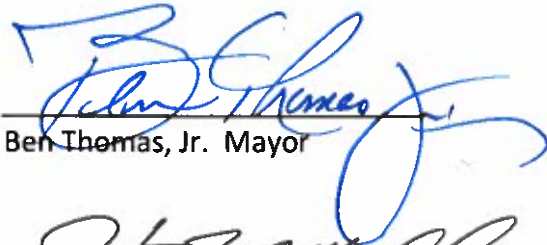
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The Honorable John Joyce
United States Congress
100 Lincoln Way East
Suite B
Chambersburg, PA 17201

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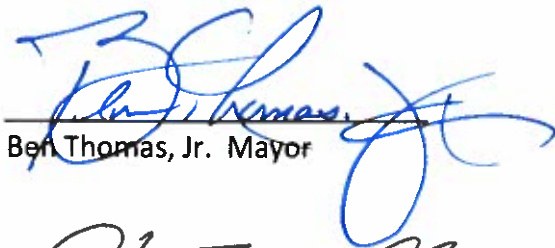
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United States Senate
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Suite 14A
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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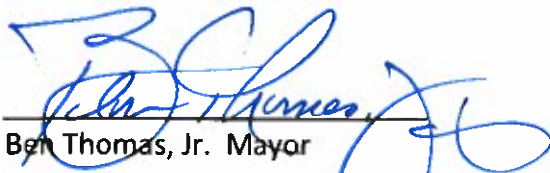
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320 Market Street
Suite 475E
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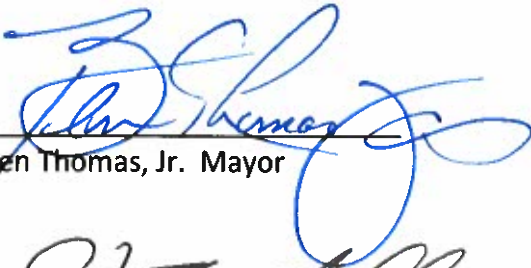
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