

The Honorable Arthur Davis, Secretary
Department of Environmental Resources
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
P. O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Davis:

The Beaver Valley Council of Governments (COG) respectfully requests a meeting with you regarding the proposed location of an infectious waste incinerator in Harmony Township, Beaver County. We would like to limit the number of people attending this meeting to facilitate an open exchange of ideas.

We have researched this subject in depth and are aware of the problems of waste disposal facing the health industry and regulatory agencies at this time. However, we have some concerns regarding the proposed location of this infectious waste incinerator that we wish to address directly with you. Our concerns are summarized below.

What concerns do we have regarding the proposed location of an infectious waste incinerator facility in Harmony Township?

We are concerned that some "hidden" costs or externalities associated with the operation of this facility will be unfairly placed on residents of our communities. These economic costs include:

1. Potentially adverse effects of the proposed incinerator location on:
 - a. our ability to attract other businesses into the Aliquippa-Ambridge-Harmony Enterprise Zone, and;
 - b. residential and industrial property values for areas adjacent to the proposed location.
2. Increased air pollution and the long term health effects and medical costs of exposure to pollutants emitted by such a facility to residents, especially children, living nearby.

3. Increased public service costs, e.g. police and fire protection, and additional costs to train and equip personnel to handle emergencies involving infectious, hazardous wastes.
4. Additional Road repair/maintenance costs.
5. Increased risks of exposure of residents to infectious wastes by routing infectious, hazardous wastes through heavily populated areas or over long distances.

What criteria do we recommend be considered in deciding on the need for and the location of a new infectious waste incinerator facility?

Some of the criteria we believe are relevant to decisions on the need for and location of a new infectious waste incinerator facility are:

1. Geographical area that the proposed facility is intended to serve.
2. Estimates of the current and projected volumes of infectious wastes generated within this area.
3. Estimates of current waste incineration capacity and future incineration capacity needed to handle the volume of infectious waste that is expected.
4. Cost/benefit analysis of the proposed facility. This analysis should include estimates of "hidden" economic costs or externalities to residents or communities in the affected area.
5. Environmental Impact Study.
6. Strict enforcement of existing emission controls and standards, as well as regular monitoring of bacterial/viral emissions and operating efficiency.
7. Adjustment of the siting requirement according to the size of the incinerator.

8. Compliance history of waste disposal facilities the applicant company already operates in the U.S.

What solutions do we suggest to minimize the problem of infectious waste disposal?

We offer the following suggestions for discussion to minimize the volume and/or costs of disposing of infectious wastes:

1. Require the segregation of infectious/hazardous and non-infectious wastes, where feasible, to permit re-cycling and reduce the volume of infectious waste that needs to be incinerated.
2. Promote on-site incineration or incineration at smaller regional facilities to minimize the transportation of these wastes and to place the costs of disposing of these wastes more directly on the communities or facilities that generate them.

In closing, we would greatly appreciate meeting with you during your next trip to Pittsburgh to discuss these issues more fully.

Sincerely,

Raymond L. Petcovic
President, Beaver Valley COG

RLP:pfw

SUSAN LAUGHLIN, MEMBER
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House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

January 9, 1989

Secretary Arthur A. Davis
Department of Environmental Resources
9th Floor, Fulton Bldg., 3rd and Locust
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Secretary Davis:

The people of Beaver County still have a number of concerns regarding the issues surrounding the infectious waste incinerator which may be locating in our area. Some of these issues which have been further brought to light through efforts of local agencies definitely merit your attention.

Therefore, the Beaver County delegation and the Council of Government of Beaver County would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you and your staff in order to present this information which we feel will impact on this matter which has been such a grave concern to us here in mine and the surrounding districts. We feel that a meeting in latter February in Beaver County would be timely in order to address this matter. We would appreciate your prompt response. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

SUSAN LAUGHLIN
MEMBER
16TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

SL/jps

1. ✓ Major Concerns - Objections

- A. Proper operation of equipment
- B. Transportation of waste in its infectious state
- C. Effect on economy and real estate values in area
- D. ~~No guarantee as to what is in red bag~~

2. ✓ What is currently being done on the study required by HB1387?

3. ✓ Further legislation

- A. On site incineration
 - 1. Location of hospital has advantage of tax base & employment--should also assume risk
 - 2. Infectious waste contained within hospital.
 - 3. Pollution concentration not as great
- B. Buffer zone
 - 1. According to size of incinerator
- C. Legislation--Illinois SB172

4. ✓ Current DER regulations prepared in a hurry. Applicability was not addressed.

- A. Siting requirements and fees--graduated by incinerator size

5. House Environmental Committee's Report on incineration

6. Recycling



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

April 21, 1989

Honorable Susan Laughlin, Member
House of Representatives
Room 120 South Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Sue
Dear Ms. ~~Laughlin~~:

This is in response to our recent discussion regarding the Eighth Street traffic signals in the Borough of Ambridge, Beaver County.

The Department Safety Improvement and Congestion Reduction Program (ECONS) provides funds to construct projects with demonstrated benefits as documented by properly prepared engineering study reports. These engineering studies are submitted through the planning process of the local metropolitan planning organization (MPO). The District Traffic Engineer can address the specific requirements for this process.

In the case of traffic signal improvement projects for existing signal locations, the enhancement expected will be above the normal service provided by fully maintained signals operating in accordance with the Traffic Signal Permit.

ECONS candidate projects are ranked and compete for program funding according to their benefit-to-cost (B/C) ratings on a statewide basis. Projects with lower B/C values can be enhanced through local contributions. In this way the benefit-to-cost (State cost) will be increased.

I appreciate your concern for the improvement of the existing traffic signals in Ambridge. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert M. Mustin, Director
Office of Legislative Affairs

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June 26, 1989

The Honorable Robert P. Casey
The Governor of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Casey:

As you may be aware, The Department of Transportation's Twelve Year Plan currently includes the MidValley Expressway, or the Crow's Run Project, in its Four Year Program. While I am pleased that this project is receiving the attention it deserves, I am proposing a modification of the current plan.

Funds totalling \$13.9 million have been allocated to construct a two lane highway through the area in question. However, a four lane highway developed in its place would provide residents and commuters with more direct access to Route 79 and the Cranberry area. Such action would enhance travel and accessibility through this area, thus providing potential economic developers with incentive to locate business and industry there. I am especially concerned that the four lane project be given special consideration, given its vital role in the recovery of economically depressed Beaver County.

I respectfully request therefore, that you join me in support of the construction of a four lane highway in place of the already approved two lane MidValley Expressway, and that you assign its funding a high priority status. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important concern facing the 16th Legislative District.

Sincerely,

Susan Laughlin
16th Legislative District

SL/jg

cc: The Honorable Howard Yeruselim

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STRESS TO THE GOVERNOR THAT BEAVER COUNTY HAS NOT RECOVERED FROM THE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION THAT MOST AREAS OF THE STATE ARE RECOVERING FROM.

THE PROJECT IS KNOWN AS THE MIDVALLEY EXPRESSWAY OR THE CROWS RUN PROJECT.

THIS CORRIDOR IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO BEAVER COUNTY THAN THE ROUTE 60 EXPANSION PROGRAM.

WHAT WE WANT IS WE FEEL THAT THE MVEW OR CRP WOULD BRING ABOUT EVEN MORE OF AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY THAT WE NEED IN BC BECAUSE IT WOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO ROUTE 65 -- THE OHIO RIVER BOULEVARD.

THE AREA IN CRANBERRY WHICH HAS GREATER *stability* THAN ANY AREA IN THE STATE.

RIGHT NOW THE PROJECT CALLS FOR A TWO-LANE HIGHWAY
WE NOW HAVE FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TOTALLING \$13.9 MILLION FOR THIS EXPRESSWAY BUT WE FEEL THAT WE NEED A 4-LANE HIGHWAY BECAUSE WITH A 4-LANE HIGHWAY IT WILL BRING ABOUT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WE SO BADLY NEED.

IF IT WERE A 4-LANE HOOK-UP TO ROUTE 79 AND THE CRANBERRY AREA, THEN MORE COMPANIES AND BUSINESS WOULD CONSIDER LOCATING HERE BECAUSE OF THAT 4-LANE HIGHWAY. THIS WOULD BE A DISTINCT DRAW.

IT IS GOING TO TAKE MORE REVENUE TO COMPLETE A 4-LANE PROJECT AND WE ARE URGING THE GOVERNOR TO FIND FUNDING FOR THIS 4-LANE PROJECT.

THIS IS IN THE 4-YEAR PLAN BUT THE 4-YEAR PLAN CALLS FOR A 2-LANE.

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

JEFF FOREMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
215 SOUTH OFFICE BUILDING



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House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

July 10, 1989

TO: Representative Susan Laughlin

FROM: Louis B. Kozloff

Wardy

SUBJECT: "Lemon" Problem of Mr. and Mrs. John Bozic

This is to advise you that I have been in contact with Mr. John Bozic, 1336 Indiana Avenue, Monaca, Pa. 15061 concerning his "Lemon" car problem. I spoke Ford Motor Company to see that Mr. Bozic is expedited into their Ford Appeals Board for arbitration.

Mr. Bozic was very thankful for your intervention.

As always, please let me know if I can ever be of any assistance.

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July 11, 1989

TO: Representative Susan Laughlin

FROM: Louis B. Kozloff *Woody*

SUBJECT: PennDOT road damage claims of James Vicente of Conway and
Georgetta Arbutin of Baden.

The letters of denial of these claims from PennDOT are most direct.

My advise is to personally contact the Secretary of Transportation for his intervention and assistance. Tell him you believe there should be a more simplified procedure for road damage victims to be made whole.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Four Parkway Center
875 Greentree Road
Pittsburgh 15220

January 21, 1993

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IN REPLY REFER TO

H. M. Nutbrown (937-4700)
S.R. 3014, Golf Course Road
Beaver County
Drainage

Honorable Susan Laughlin
PA House of Representatives
House Post Office Box 50
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0028

Dear Ms. Laughlin:

I received your letter concerning the driveway pipe at Mr. Ronald Michic's property on Golf Course Road.

Last year, after reviewing this location with you, I determined that the deterioration of Mr. Michic's driveway was due to the poor condition of the pipe which carries a natural water course under the driveway. We informed Mr. Michic at that time that he was responsible for the maintenance and repair of his driveway and the driveway pipe, according to Department regulations. We do not feel that any work which we performed on Golf Course Road had a significant effect on the condition of the driveway pipe.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry M. Nutbrown".

Henry M. Nutbrown, P.E.
District Engineer

Copy to:
R. Mustin, Director of Legislative Affairs
F. Bologna, 11-2
R. Norman, 11-2
R. Skrinjar
A. P. Kost, P.E.
#16

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Rep. Susan Laughlin

HOUSE MEMO

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

FROM THE DESK OF:

Judith Sipos
120 South Office Bldg.
7-4444

March 9, 1993

Joanna:

610-437-0968

Please have someone on your staff review this information regarding the speed limit on Ridge Road Ext and the possibility of lowering the 11-mile over allowance since it is highly used to bus school children.

The letter will be sent to all addresses on the list attached.

Please return all copies to me with the draft response.

Thanks.
J. Sipos

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

M E M O

March 16, 1993

SUBJECT: Ridge Road - PennDOT

TO: Rep. Susan Laughlin
120 - South Office

FROM: Len Buchta, Research Analyst
Research & Legislative Services Office

Judy, attached is a letter of reply concerning Ridge Road. PennDOT has completed its survey and will make the results available shortly.

The study recommends reducing the speed limit on certain sections of the road from 40 to 35 miles per hour.

LB/lm

Attachments

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CONSERVATION
TRANSPORTATION

March 17, 1993

XXXXXXX
XXXXXXX
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Dear XXX:

Thank you for writing concerning the speed limit on Ridge Road.

It is my understanding that PennDOT has recently completed a survey encompassing a six mile section of the highway and will make the results available to the public by mid-March.

However, I have learned that as a result of PennDOT's study approximately four miles of the road, including those sections near the schools, will have the speed limit reduced from forty to thirty-five miles per hour.

I sincerely hope this action will slow the speed of vehicles utilizing this highway thereby making it safer for our children.

Sincerely,

Susan Laughlin
State Representative

SL/lb

We would like to have the speed limit on Ridge Rd. Ext. reduced. Considering this is a residential area, there is a school on this road, and school buses from many schools, Ridge Rd. School, Highland, Ambridge Jr. and Ambridge Senior High Schools, Ambridge Area Catholic, Mt. Galitzen and the Beaver County Intermediate Unit travel this road, we feel it is an important step in assuring the safety of the children as well as the adults who live on, walk, play, wait for buses or travel along this road. Since the local police can only ticket people who are 11 miles over speed limit, we feel 30 mph would be a more appropriate speed.

Sandra J Charko 2303 Ridge Rd Ext Amb.

Emily Jemnitz - Principal Ridge Rd School

Stephen A. Ruzma }
Albertine Mikuta } Staff Ridge Rd School

S. Maryonice Kelly

MJ Flannery

Rebecca Wargo

Linda Kitcher

Urb L. Mikuta - Concord Rd.

Jaroslav Klesser }
Michael Klesser } 2311 Ridge Rd Ext.

M. Kay Kramer 2086 Ridge Rd. Ext.

Florence Uda 2020 Ridge Rd Ext

Cynthia M. Uda 2020 Ridge Rd. Ext.

Barbara J. Uda 2020 Ridge Rd. - Ext.

Chris Whipple 2011 Ridge Rd Ext

St Br OJ 2011 Ridge Rd West

Kathryn A. Herminian 2029 Ridge Rd. Ext.

W. J. W. " " " "

Maribel E. Sage 8 Shady Ln.

Lee Ricci 2045 Ridge Rd. Ext

Kim Rosenberger 2484 Ridge Rd Ext.

Nicky Finch 2005 RIDGE RD. EXT.

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Sandra Lewis 3303 Ridge Rd Ext Apt
 - Principal Ridge Rd School

Stephen D. Truyma
 Staff Ridge Rd School

Mr. Thomas Wozniak
 Mr. Thomas Wozniak

Robert L. Phillips - Governor
 3311 Ridge Rd Ext.
 M. Kucharski

Barbara J. White
 Cynthia M. White
 2120 Ridge Rd Ext.
 2020 Ridge Rd Ext.
 2030 Ridge Rd Ext.

W. J. ...
 8 2nd St. Dr.
 2012 Ridge Rd Ext.
 2011 Ridge Rd Ext.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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Gilbert M. Branche
Deputy Secretary

Office of Fraud and Abuse Investigation and Recovery

MAY 12 1993

(717) 787-5302

The Honorable Susan Laughlin
House of Representatives
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0028

RE: PREST, Deborah
Case Record Number:
04-129004-C-RE-01

Dear Representative Laughlin:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 1993 to Amy Leader, former Director of Federal and State Relations. Reesa A. Motley-McMurtry, the current Director of Federal and State Relations has asked our agency to respond to your inquiry regarding your constituent, Debbie Prest.

The Pennsylvania Support Law requires that liens be placed against the property of persons receiving assistance to assure the eventual repayment of the assistance granted. Cash assistance is being received by Deborah Prest and her four children.

The Department's claim is as follows:

Assistance Received	\$16,898.80
Costs	+ 18.00
Credit	<u>-13,243.00</u>
Amount Due	\$ 3,673.80

This claim includes assistance up to and including the public assistance check dated May 18, 1993. Checks are issued twice a month in the current amount of \$284.50. Since this is an active case, this claim will increase with each additional check received. Support payments are being received and are being applied to the claim balance.

If you or your constituent have any further questions, please contact Mr. Michael Librandi at (717) 783-7780.

Sincerely,


Gilbert M. Branche



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KENNETH E. GAUDI
Manager
State Government Issues

August 15, 1994

The Honorable Susan Laughlin
555 Merchant Street
Ambridge, PA 15003

Dear Ms. Laughlin,

Peoples Gas has been notifying customers of two changes which affect how the accounts of certain landlords and tenants will be handled. Since there is some confusion about the changes and some customers may contact your offices, the following information is provided for your use:

- **Landlord/Tenant Act:** Beginning early this year Peoples began to formally notify customers of the new requirements of the Landlord/Tenant Act (*Act 54, 1993*) which became effective in September 1993. This Act requires landlords to be responsible for all utility costs of residential buildings or mobile home parks which contain one or more dwelling units which are not individually metered. The Act does not change customer rates.
- **Customer Class Change:** As a part of the recently completed Peoples Base Rate Case which was approved by the Public Utility Commission on July 21, the customer class where one meter serves more than one house, mobile home, or apartment will be changed from "Residential" to "Commercial". The "Commercial" class also applies to dwellings where one meter is connected to an appliance or appliances (typically furnaces and/or hot water heaters) serving more than one apartment.

All customers identified in our billing system as meeting the specified criteria were notified of the change with a letter on July 21, 1994. They were asked to verify our records in order that we could classify and bill them properly. Customers whose class will change to commercial as a result of this rate filing may experience an annual increase depending upon their individual circumstances. This change only affects a small number of our total customer base.

Any landlords who previously were not paying sales tax on rental property will now be billed for sales tax in compliance with the State Tax Code.

While many customers will experience both changes, they are not related in any way. The changes to the Landlord/Tenant Act were enacted by the Legislature in 1993 and apply to all landlords in the state. The Customer Class Change is the result of a Peoples Base Rate Case approved by the Public Utility Commission and applies only to Peoples' customers. The class change does, however, allow Peoples customers' classification to be consistent with other utilities in the state.

I hope this information satisfies your needs. If, however, you would like more information or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,

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April 11, 1994

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Mrs. Lucy Dadeo
Executive Director
Beaver County Children and Youth Services
Stone Point Landing
Suite 201
500 Market Street
Bridgewater PA 15009

Dear Lucy:

As one of your long-time admirers, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for the career commitment you made to Beaver County Children and Youth Services. Your dedicated service to the community, especially to children and youth of our community, represents a contribution for which we can never adequately thank you. Your strong sense of advocacy and activism on behalf of children and youth has established an excellent model for those following in your footsteps.

Your exceptional professional development and the integrity with which you mastered the complex issues faced by those in your profession speak to your determination and drive to make a difference.

Lucy, I greatly value your personal friendship and I stand in awe of your achievements and selfless dedication to the clients whom you served over the many years that have passed since you joined the Agency.

Sincerely

Susan Laughlin
State Representative

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House of Representatives

TO: REP. SUSAN LAUGHLIN, HEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

RE: SEPTEMBER 26, 1994, MEETING WITH SECRETARY YERUSALIM AND
WILLIAM SHAUGHNESSY, 3:30 pm, 1200 TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY
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HOUSE JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE TASK
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TALKING POINTS ASSUMED FROM MR. SHAUGHNESSY'S LETTER -

- * DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH PENNDOT
- * SHAUGHNESSY ASSOCIATES' RELATIONSHIP WITH PENNDOT
SHAUGHNESSY ASSOCIATES' VULNERABILITY TO PENNDOT
ACTIONS.
- * SHAUGHNESSY'S ANNUAL PUBLISHING OF "THE COMPLETE
UNOFFICIAL PENDOT BULLETIN 50."
- * SHAUGHNESSY'S PUBLISHING OF "THE CONDENSED UNOFFICIAL
PENDOT BULLETIN 50."
- * SHAUGHNESSY'S ANTICIPATION OF FINANCIAL LOSS OR LOW
PROFIT FROM "THE CONDENSED UNOFFICIAL PENDOT
BULLETIN 50" DUE TO COMPETITION FROM PENDOT'S OWN
PUBLICATION OF A SIMILAR PUBLICATION WHICH WILL
BE ON SALE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1980
OR 1981 ACCORDING TO MR SHAUGHNESSY'S LETTER.
- * SHAUGHNESSY ASSERTS THAT IF HE STOPS THE PUBLICATION OF
THE SECOND ITEM, HE SHOULD GET SOMETHING IN RETURN
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

SHAUGHNESSY WANTS PENNDOT ITSELF TO BE THE PRIMARY
SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR PRINTING HIS PUBLICATIONS
RATHER THAN HAVING TO USE SECONDARY SOURCES AS HE
CURRENTLY DOES.

HE ALSO WANTS PENNDOT TO PROVIDE THESE SOURCE
DOCUMENTS THROUGH ELECTRONIC FORMAT WHICH
ELIMINATES MUCH OF THE PREPARATION INVOLVED
IN PUBLISHING AND EDITING MATERIAL.

- * SHAUGHNESSY STATES THAT SECRETARY YERUSALIM FEARS
ELECTRONIC CONTAMINATION OF PENNDOT'S ELECTRONIC
OR COMPUTER RECORDS IF THE FILES ARE OPENED TO
OTHER COMPUTER NETWORKS.

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SHAUGHNESSY ASSOCIATES

Management Consultants

MAIN OFFICE: 201 Grant Street • Sewickley, Pennsylvania 15143 • Tel. & Fax (412) 741-6720
MICHIGAN OFFICE: 33114 Dequindre Road • Sterling Heights, MI 48310 • (313) 264-8484 • Fax (313) 264-1411

September 11, 1994

Sewickley, PA

The Honorable Susan Laughlin
555 Merchant Street
Ambridge, PA 15003

VIA FAX

Dear Susan:

In the midst of my battle with PENDOT, I sometimes overlook the fact that in addition to you being my State Representative, you also are an elected official of the Commonwealth, and as such, do have obligations to the Commonwealth. With regard to the upcoming meeting with Messers Yerusalim and Moyer, I look upon you as an interested, but impartial third party. Nevertheless, there will be one point in my overall presentation at which I want you to be strongly behind me.

The matter started with a letter I wrote to PENDOT dated July 24, 1992, which was ignored. Follow-ups were likewise ignored. Deputy Secretary William Moyer's letter of October 5, 1993 escalated the matter from one of nagging, but minor status, to one of maximum importance. I don't think I sent you this letter, but it did contain the potential to put SHAUGHNESSY ASSOCIATES totally out of business. I did respond to that letter on October 20, 1993 (you did receive a copy), and did meet with Messers Moyer and Fred Bowser on November 4, 1993. Simultaneously, I took vigorous actions designed to minimize the damages that were sure to follow the PENDOT proposed action. I intend to treat this history strictly as a factual matter, except for my October 20th letter to Mr. Moyer.

At the present time, there are three (3) PENDOT related Price publications on the market. The "high end" publication, THE COMPLETE UNOFFICIAL PENDOT BULLETIN 50 has been published annually by us since 1992, and next years edition is well under way. The "low end" publication, THE CONDENSED UNOFFICIAL PENDOT BULLETIN 50, again published by us, is new this year, and is prepared to guidelines or "specifications" given to us by Mr. Moyer. The "low end" publication, The Construction Cost Catalogue For Standard Construction Items - Bulletin 50, is published by PENDOT, and this year's edition is available to the public for the first time since 1980 or 1981.

The "high end" publication stands alone. There is no competition with it today, and we do not foresee any competition in the reasonable future. The "low end" publications, despite some significant differences in both price and

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content, are in direct competition with each other. There is no question but that one of these "low end" publications has to go: There is a question as to which one should "disappear".

I'm more than willing to give up our "low end" publication, but only if I can get something for it. Knowing Howard Yerusolim and Bill Moyer as well as I do, this will be difficult. For starters, Howard, who I sincerely believe is almost totally ignorant in this whole matter, even today, is well known for his reluctance to admit a mistake. Bill Moyer possesses an extremely high ego, and likewise is of the firm belief that government can do everything better than private industry.

The obvious approach is to "snooker" these two individuals into accepting a position that they may not like, but one that they cannot find a way to avoid. You alluded to this approach on the phone last Friday, but didn't come right out and say it. Fortunately, the documentation is ideal for a "snookering" operation.

There were a number of statements made last fall by Howard at the Annual APC/PENDOT Meeting, some in private, and a particularly potent one before some 600 people. Likewise, there were some things that happened between Bill Moyer and me, and I've got enough private documentation to defend my veracity. To this we can add the letter I received from the Governor's office. While Special Assistant Darby may have conducted his investigation from the wrong direction, he nonetheless made two statements that PENDOT cannot weasel out of.

In the 2nd paragraph, Mr. Darby said:

..."This document provides a reference for both the contractor and department staff for determining appropriate prices for extra work on construction contracts, thereby reducing the time and effort in negotiating prices for this additional work. For this reason, it is a practice that this office would support."

If Yerusolim and Moyer agree with the foregoing statements, and how can they disagree, they will be well on the way to being "snookered". Of the three (3) publications available, only one (1) - our "high end" publication - meets the foregoing. The "low end" publications, be it our's or their's, will not do the job. I intend to ask Yerusolim and Moyer to literally show us just how their publication, or our's, will meet the above statement. This is where I would like your strong support. My request will be entirely reasonable under the circumstances. As I write this now, the thought is going through my head

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that neither Yerusolim or Moyer has the requisite competence. I'll get around that by bringing it up out of sequence - at the beginning of the meeting - and suggesting that they get on the telephone and call in someone with the requisite competence. Their building does start to clear out with a vengeance at 4:00. As far as you knowing just what is going on, don't worry. I'll translate into lay person's language, and the PENDOT contingent certainly knows enough to question me if I translate incorrectly.

For this test, I have in mind two specific happenings on recent jobs, and Susan, they can't win.

At this point, and assuming that all necessary "stroking" has taken place, we can get into the three possible solutions. The first is that they can quit publication, which is not what I want. Second, they can agree to my plan, which is what I want. Or third, PENDOT can elect to do nothing. If they choose the latter, I refer the entire matter back to Mr. Darby in the Governor's Office with documentation he cannot refute, or ignore. I don't think PENDOT gave him the whole story.

Exhibit 1 attached shows the present publishing configuration, and also the documents which I currently use in developing and editing our publications. The documents listed all originate with PENDOT, and I obtain them from a variety of primary and secondary sources.

Exhibit 2 attached shows the proposed configuration. Under it, we will discontinue our "low end" publication. In return, we want PENDOT itself to be the primary source of our documents, and further, we want the documents in electronic form.

In a nutshell, Susan, I don't have any problem with giving up the "low end" publication. The market potential, in terms of numbers, is great, but the actual sales and profits are minimal. But, if I do give this publication, I want something in return, and the only thing that PENDOT has that I want is source documents and specifically in electronic form. The stumbling block to PENDOT data in electronic form is Howard Yerusolim. He's afraid of contaminating the Department's computers.

With the exception of the electronic format, the foregoing is the proposal I had in mind when I asked you to set up a meeting with Howard. Since that time, and as a natural progression in the direction my business is going, I have started to set up a Computer Bulletin Board. This BBS, which will be on line by October 1, 1994 at the latest (possibly on line by the 26th) will be a

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Subscription BBS dedicated to Highways in general, and PENDOT in particular. Subscription fees will be waived for the following: State Representatives; State Senators; and Selected members of the Media. PENDOT, and strictly because of its size, will be charged reduced fees.

The BBS is going on line, with or without the availability of electronic documents from PENDOT. Our sources of documents today are locked, and we have additional sources lined up. If we have to keypunch, it is not a big problem, as the feasibility is there regardless. But, the electronic format would help.

We do, though, have competition in this effort from others. Pennsylvania One Call is seriously investigating the pros and cons of running their own BBS. At best, though, they probably won't be on line until early next year. APC, with which you are familiar, has been talking BBS with PENDOT for the past 1 1/2 years. APC definitely needs PENDOT documents in electronic form in order to get on line (they don't have the resources to keypunch), and in any event, I don't think they can make it until possibly mid-November. PENDOT may have made a firm commitment to APC. If we find that this is so, it would definitely be in order for you to ask Howard why he can't make the same commitment to me.

I'm pushing for October 1st for competitive reasons. Our Subscription Fee will be about half of that contemplated by APC, and further, it will be better for me if APC joins my effort. With the exception of this years Unit Prices, the other elements of information which APC contemplates are already in my computer, including some additional goodies, such as the 12 Year Plan.

This letter is long enough. If I don't talk to you before hand, I'll see you in Howard's office on the 26th.

Susan, thanks again for all you've done.

Sincerely,

SHAUGHNESSY ASSOCIATES

Bill

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P.S. Attached is the Beaver County portion of the current 12 Year Plan. While

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it doesn't contain all the detail of the official bound copy, nonetheless I think you will find it useful.

P.P.S. YOUR LECTURE ON BRIDGE ^{TEMPORARILY} ~~REMOVED~~
SCHEDULED FOR BIO IN JAN. 1995. Based
on the way PENDOT IS HITTING IT SCHEDULE
THESE DAYS, THEY PROBABLY WON'T MAKE
IT.



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The Honorable Susan Laughlin
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
House Box 202020
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Dear Representative Laughlin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 30, 1995. The Attorney General has asked me to reply concerning our correspondence with Delores Bassett.

We have received both correspondence and phone calls from Ms. Bassett. When first she wrote us, we replied by letter, a copy of which is enclosed.

After receipt of that letter, Ms. Bassett called to say that she would be submitting additional information concerning possible criminal conduct in the assessment process. If there is a criminal law aspect to the case, that might bring it within the jurisdiction of this office if the District Attorney is not able to act. To date, we have not received that information. When it comes in, it will be referred to our Office of Criminal Law for review.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fran B. Cleaver".

Fran B. Cleaver
Senior Deputy Attorney General
Office of Legislative Affairs

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November 1, 1995

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VIA FAX

Honorable Susan Laughlin
House of Representatives
555 Merchant Street
Ambridge, PA 15003

Dear Representative Laughlin

Susan

With reference to our conversation this afternoon, enclosed is a copy of the letter from Mol-Dok to Pete Poninsky and Council.

It would be helpful if we could learn what the major objections of the Council are. You can see from the letter that the Mol-Dok people are willing to do whatever is necessary within reason to resolve any problems that Council may have.

I would appreciate hearing from you with your thoughts. I think it would be a good idea for you not to mention The Buncher Company but instead indicate that the Mol-Dok people have contacted you for your assistance.

Thank you.

Very truly yours

Herbert S. Green
Vice Chairman of the Board/
Chief Operating Officer

HSG/jf

Enclosure

*Exposure on his property
give up right of way
May return road
one to owner*

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October 30, 1995

Attorney General Thomas W. Corbett Jr.
16th Floor, Strawberry Square
Harrisburg PA 17120

Dear Attorney General Corbett:

This letter comes to inform you of my support for the efforts of Dolores Bassett, Marianne Wagner, and Peter Floyd to overturn what they believe to be unfair tax assessments in Edgeworth, Osborne, and Sewickley Boroughs. These citizens have petitioned your office for assistance because they believe the current assessment rate is in violation of a court order issued in 1982. I support their effort to pursue all administrative and judicial avenues for seeking redress to their grievances.

Finally, please inform my office of the outcome of any judicial or administrative proceedings that your office may initiate in order to obtain fair treatment for these citizens.

I close thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Laughlin".

Susan Laughlin
Member
16th Legislative District

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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 6/17/96

SENDING TO:

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OFFICE: State Representative Susan Laughlin

NAME: Attn: Judy

NUMBER OF PAGES - INCLUDING COVER SHEET: _____

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NAME: Tony Ajelchinger

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June 17, 1996

State Representative Susan Laughlin
16th Legislative district
PA House of Representatives

Fax (717) 772-1232

RE: Ambridge Landfill
900 Glenwood Avenue
Ambridge, PA 15003

Dear Mrs. Laughlin:

The attached are a composite of the tables that would be normally used to calculate organics and inorganics for what is commonly called CLEAN FILL LIMITS:

The data your office provided relates to the Ohio Edison-Niles Station.

pH - 8.1 Total Volatile Solids 6.5

Note: pH range adequate to prevent leaching. Total Volatile Solids 6.5 x 10,000 which would equate high numbers, but acceptable for landfilling.

If you have any questions after your review of my tables against the Applicant Submitted Data, please feel free to contact my office (717-629-4430).

Mrs. Laughlin, I know that your constituents are probably really upset with the possibility of the waste being received at Ambridge, but from my review of the data presented and from a phone inquiry, the landfill is a secure landfill and it seems a positive action that the material be accepted and processed in the proper manner and not land-applied somewhere.

In furtherance of your Inquiry, if there were some questions you feel that you might want answered:

- a. What is the pH of the soil that will be utilized for Cover Media?
- b. How is water going to be kept out of the individual cells during operation?

- c. Define if there are any new liner requirements?
- d. How will the pH of the soil be checked to keep it from going acidic and loosing alkalinity?
- e. How will old leachate from the old landfill operation be kept from affecting the new process/operation and intended disposal materials?

Mrs. Laughlin, we both know that this isn't Whipped Cream that we are dealing with, but it also is not the worst possible. I suggest, if I may, that you sit the intended operators down and request a Host Fee per Ton and also a suggested up-front donation to a Municipal Project (Youth Center, Playground, etc.). This will go a long way to help people feel a little better about the whole situation.

In closing, if the Applicants are not responsive to these suggestions there are a few more questions that we can fire back at them. I hope that I have helped. Please advise.

Very truly yours,


Anthony D. Aigeldinger

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Exhibit A

PRIMARY MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS

Inorganic Chemicals (IOCs)	mg/L
Antimony	0.006
Arsenic	0.05
Asbestos	7 million fibres (longer than 10 um/L)
Barium	2
Beryllium	0.004
Cadmium	0.005
Chromium	0.1
Cyanide (free)	0.2
Fluoride	2
Mercury	0.002
Nickel	0.1
Nitrate (asN)	10
Nitrite (asN)	1
Nitrate and Nitrite (asN)	10
Selenium	0.05
Thallium	0.002

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Exhibit B

PRIMARY MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	(mg/L)
Benzene	0.005
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.005
1,2 - Dichloroethane	0.005
o - Dichlorobenzene	0.6
para - Dichlorobenzene	0.075
1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.007
cis - 1,2 -Dichloroethylene	0.07
trans - 1,2 -Dichloroethylene	0.1
Dichloromethane	0.005
1,2 - Dichloropropane	0.005
Ethylbenzene	0.7
Monochlorobenzene	0.1
Styrene	0.1
Tetrachlorethylene	0.005
Toluene	1
1,2,4- Trichlorobenzene	0.07
1,1,1- Trichloroethane	0.2
1,1,2- Trichloroethane	0.005
Trichloroethylene	0.005
Vinyl Chloride	0.002
Xylenes (total)	10
TTHMs ¹	0.10

¹Sum of the concentration of chloroform, dibromochloromethane, bromodichloromethane, and bromoform

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Exhibit C

PRIMARY MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL

Synthetic Organic Chemicals
(SOCs)

mg/L

Alachlor	0.002
Atrazine	0.003
Benzol (a) pyrene	0.0002
Carbofuran	0.04
Chlordane	0.002
2,4-D	0.07
Dalapon	0.2
Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	0.4
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	0.006
Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)	0.0002
Dinoseb	0.007
Diquat	0.02
Endothall	0.1
Endrin	0.002
Ethylene dibromide (EDB)	0.00005
Glyphosate	0.7
Heptachlor	0.0004
Heptachlor epoxide	0.0002
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05
Lindane	0.0002
Methoxychlor	0.04
Oxamyl (Vydate)	0.2
PCBs	0.0005
Pentachlorophenol	0.001
Picloram	0.5
Simazine	0.004
2,3,7,8 - TCDD (Dioxin)	3x(-8)
Toxaphene	0.003
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.05

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Exhibit D . 1

CLEAN FILL LIMITS

(Clean Fill Criteria for organics and inorganics
based on "Total" Analysis.

Compound/Contaminant	CLEAN FILL (mg/kg)
Acenaphthene	3
Aldrin	0.002
Anthracene	7
Benzene	0.05
Benzo[a]pyrene	0.002
Chlordane	0.02
Chlorobenzene	0.30
Chloroform	0.05
Cresol, o-	0.05
Cresol, p-	0.04
D, 2, 4-	0.20
DDD, p, p'-	2.00
DDE	1
DDT, p, p'-	1
Dichlorobenzene, 1, 2-	1
Dichlorobenzene, 1, 4-	1
Dichloroethane 1, 1-	0.05
Dichloroethane 1, 2-	0.03
Dichloroethylene 1, 1-	0.07
Dichloroethylene 1, 2- (trans)	0.06
Dieldrin	0.00002
Endrin	0.02
Ethylbenzene	1
Fluoranthene	40
Fluorene	4
Heptachlor	0.004
Lindane	0.002
Methoxychlor	0.40
Methylene Chloride	0.02
Methyl ethyl ketone	0.01
Methylnaphthalene, 1-	2
Methylnaphthalene, 2-	2
Methyl tert-butyl ether MTBE	0.02
Naphthalene	0.20
Pentachlorophenol	0.01
Petroleum hydrocarbons	50
Phenanthrene	8
Phenol	0.02
Polychlorinated biphenyls	1
Pyrene	30

Exhibit D .2

CLEAN FILL LIMITS

Compound/Contaminants	Clean Fill (mg/kg)
TP, 2,4,5,- (Silvex)	0.30
Tetracloroethane, 1,1,1,2-	0.40
Tetrachloroethylene	0.05
Toluene	0.20
Toxaphene	0.03
Trichloroethane 1,1,1-	0.10
Trichloroethane 1,1,2-	0.05
Trichloroethylene	0.05
Zylenes, total *1	0.30
Arsenic	2
Barium	500
Cadmium	2
Chromium (total)	100
Copper	70
Cyanide	100
Lead	20
Mercury	2
Nickel	30
Selenium	6
Zinc	100

*1 The clean fill number is based on the 0-xylene isomer.....

Exhibit E

MODEULE 25 WORKSHEET

Metals and Cations

25xMCLG
mg/l

As	1.25
Ba	25.00
Cd	0.125
Cr	1.25
Pb	1.25
Hg	0.05
Se	0.25
Ag	1.25
Cu	25.00
Fe	7.50
Mn	1.25
Zn	125.00

Other than metals
and cation1 x MCLG
mg/l

F1	2.00
Nitrate	10.00
Cl	250.00
Sulfate	250.00

Mrs. Laughlin this chart would be used to calculate waste acceptability
for Land Application REF RESIDUAL WASTE REGULATIONS
288.623 Minimum Requirements



SUSAN LAUGHLIN
MEMBER, 16TH DISTRICT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Sept. 20, 1996

This was the response that I
received from Governor Ridge.
If you would like information,
please give me a call at
my office 266-7774. Sincerely,
Susan Laughlin



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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September 13, 1996

The Secretary

717-787-2814

The Honorable Susan Laughlin
PA House of Representatives
House Box 202020
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Dear Representative Laughlin:

Governor Tom Ridge has asked me to respond to your recent letters regarding the reopening of the Ambridge Landfill in Beaver County for acceptance of fly ash from Ohio Edison's Niles, Ohio power plant. The technical staff of the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Southwest Regional Office has informed me that Gabe Sacco, the permittee, has a valid residual waste permit for the Ambridge Landfill and has met the requirements of the very stringent residual waste regulations to allow reopening of this site. This permit modification was issued on July 22, 1996.

We appreciate the concerns of the citizens located near this facility, and will continue to ensure their safety and well-being through active compliance monitoring. Our Air Quality and Waste Management inspectors in the Southwest Region will be inspecting this facility on a regular basis. They will ensure that the operators of this facility meet the environmental standards necessary for the safety of our citizens.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at the above telephone number or Tony Orlando, Regional Manager, Waste Management, in our Southwest Regional Office at 412-442-4120.

Sincerely,



James M. Seif
Secretary

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September 3, 1996

The Honorable Tom Ridge
Governor
225 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Ridge:

After a meeting and a hearing with the Department of Environmental Protection concerning the re-permitting of a landfill in Harmony Township, Beaver County, residents of the communities surrounding that landfill still are strongly opposed to its reopening.

I am writing to you once again on their behalf in the hope that you will intervene in any way possible. The residents of Ambridge Borough and Harmony Township are convinced that the reopening of the Ambridge Landfill will seriously jeopardize the health and safety, as well as the economic security, of their communities.

As of now, no final decision has been made on the reopening of this landfill, which has been closed since 1988. However, after a meeting and a public hearing before the state Department of Environmental Protection was held to entertain a substantial list of residents' concerns, all indications are that the reactivation of this landfill's permit will take place.

The residents do not understand this seeming betrayal by their state, and are understandably upset.

The residents' concerns are warranted.

For at least one year, the landfill, which will be accepting flyash from both in-state and out-of-state sources, will be operating under old DER regulations, meaning less stringent standards will be in effect. The operators of the landfill have assured us no contamination of the surrounding area took place before, nor will any take place this time, but residents have presented evidence to the contrary.

The short-term and long-term health effects due to exposure to flyash dust are largely unknown, and children who grew up near the flyash dump when it was previously in operation have experienced respiratory and other problems that can only be traced back to the landfill. In addition, thinking the landfill had closed for good in 1988, the residents of Harmony Township planned construction of a

children's playground adjacent to the site. They are greatly concerned not only for the health of their children in light of the constant dust that will be present, but for their safety, too, considering the constant truck traffic that will be present in the area.

Finally, none of this speaks to the serious economic damage that will be done to these communities, where property values will surely crash with the reopening of this dangerous, noisy and dirty landfill.

In short, Governor Ridge, the residents of my district do not understand why, when the DEP has admitted there are plenty of other places in Pennsylvania where this flyash could be disposed of, their communities once again have to put up with a problem they thought they were rid of. To the residents of these communities, it looks as if the DEP, who they understand is supposed to protect and defend the public's health, safety and environment, has instead decided to sacrifice those concerns in the name of private profits for someone else.

These residents have made clear to me their feeling that for all its talk about ending Pennsylvania's reign as the "dump capital of the country," little has been done by your agency to stem the tide of out-of-state trash flowing into this state. That DEP is seriously considering reactivating the permit for the Ambridge Landfill--whose stated purpose is to accept flyash from Ohio--is testament to that.

A previous letter I wrote to you and to Secretary Seif-- as well as the other letters you have received from concerned citizens --brought little or no response. I am writing to you once again on their behalf and mine asking you to please intervene in this situation in any way possible. Harmony Township already has had to hire its own environmental lawyer to look out for the interests that DEP is supposed to be representing--at a cost to the township of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Governor Ridge, we cannot continue to sacrifice the health and property of Commonwealth citizens to the god of corporate profits--especially when those corporations are located outside Pennsylvania. Ohio Edison must not be allowed to use this site for the disposal of flyash. The residents who will have to live with the consequences of whatever decision DEP makes in this case urge you to do anything you can to ensure that their communities will remain healthy, safe and vibrant far into the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Susan Laughlin
Member

cc: Harmony Township Commissioners
Ambridge Borough Council
HAD-IT

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March 5, 1996

Rep. Susan Laughlin
Pa. House of Representatives
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Harrisburg, Pa. 17120-2020

Dear Rep. Laughlin,

On February 13, 1996, by a vote of 48-0, the Senate passed SB 1352. If this bill remains HB 1352, I am hoping you will take the time to read and understand the contents of this bill. Since you have had your reservations in the passed about Outcome Based Education, if this bill passes the House, it will make OBE law in Pennsylvania.

Senator Rhoades claims that SB 1352 would "doom OBE", according to an AP article dated February 3, 1996. This is not true considering SB 1352 **does not** repeal the 53 Student Learning Outcomes. This bill eliminates the teacher's academic freedom to set the standard in their classroom. Governor Ridge's 12 member commission will set the standard. The commission will create the standards for the **existing** student learning outcomes. Understand that the **standards** are the **degree** to which each student must meet the student learning outcomes in order to graduate. Governor Ridge's commission will control the graduation requirement, not the local district. There is **no** local control here. SB 1352 does nothing to eliminate Chapter 5 **regulations**.

SB 1352 does not stop the Strategic Planning Process. In section 7 of the bill it states, "...The Secretary of Education is hereby authorized to develop a New Strategic Planning cycle..".

Realize that the state board has *never* had the authority to change the graduation requirements, only the General Assembly has that authority.

School District Reorganization Act of 1963 Act 299

... "develop or cause to be developed an evaluation procedure designed to measure objectively the adequacy and efficiency of the educational program offered by the public schools of the Commonwealth. the evaluation procedure shall be so constructed and developed as to provide each school district with relative comparative data to enable school directors and administrators to more readily appraise the educational performance and to effectuate without delay the strengthening of the district's educational program. Tests developed... shall be used for the purpose of providing a uniform evaluation of each school district..."

Does this authorization give the state board authority to mandate and monitor individual attainment of the student learning outcomes as a graduation requirement?

STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Public School Code of 1949, (24 P.S. 1-101- 27-2702) and sections 1317-1320 of the Administrative Code of 1929, (71 P.S. 367-370).

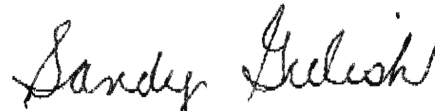
(a) Each board of school directors shall identify planned courses for which credit toward graduation shall be awarded.

The state needs SB 1352 to make legal what they have already done. With this bill, our children will no longer graduate with a diploma from a specific school district. It will be a Pennsylvania diploma, Certificate of Initial Mastery or a Career and Academic Passport.

Look what is happening in Ambridge School District. There are forty nine teachers in the high school that have signed a petition objecting to outcome based education. They are suppose to be the "professionals" and know what is best for their students. Where is their local control? This is not just in Ambridge, but all over Pennsylvania. Now that teachers are having to implement their Strategic Plan, it looked better on paper.

I would like to sit down and talk to you when you return to your local office. I am interested in what your position is on HB 1352 (if it has with the same number). There is a lot more to this bill and I hope to have the chance to discuss it with you. Thank you very much for your time. Please let me know when it will be convenient to get together to discuss this bill.

Sincerely,


Sandy Gulish



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George Board, Dr.P.H.

November 8, 2000


Honorable Susan Laughlin
House of Representatives
120 South Office Building
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Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Dear Representative ^{Susan} Laughlin:

Attached find a letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Health from Mr. John Paul, UPMC Health System Executive Vice President, regarding the anticipated changes at UPMC Beaver Valley Hospital. The letter notifies the Department of Health of the discontinuation of acute care medical-surgical inpatient services at the hospital. It also outlines the services that may remain and proposes alternative services that could be established within the facility, if fiscally viable.

The purpose of this letter is to keep you apprised of these ongoing changes and request your availability for a meeting that I would like to schedule to brief you and the other delegation members on our progress and explain the specific steps we must take to move forward. In particular, we may need your assistance to ensure expeditious review and approval of our plans by the Department of Health and other regulatory agencies. I will be in touch with your office shortly to schedule a meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


Dr. George Board

Cc: Honorable Nicholas Colafella
Honorable Gerald LaValle
Honorable Victor Lescovitz
Honorable Michael Veon
Mr. John Paul



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April 4, 2000

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Honorable Susan Laughlin
555 Merchant Street
Ambridge PA 15003

Dear Representative Laughlin:

Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre is in the middle of an incredibly successful 30th anniversary season. We have presented four blockbuster ballets, each of which received popular and critical acclaim. We are feverishly working to put the finishing touches on *Indigo in Motion*, a program of three world premiere ballets to be presented in May. Behind the scenes, we are moving ahead with plans to complete desperately needed renovations to our studios, which will finally allow us to say that our facilities match the excellence of our professional dancers and our hundreds of students.

All of these successes have been made possible with help from you and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Without funding from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts—which is more than \$181,000 this year—we would not be able to produce spectacular ballets for audiences at home in Pittsburgh or on tour throughout the state and nation. And without a \$1.3 million grant for our building project, our dancers would still be “dancing in the rain.” We cannot thank you enough for your support.

Now we need to ask for your help once more. Governor Ridge has recommended a \$13 million appropriation for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA). Given the importance of the PCA’s work in our state, I respectfully request that you support an increase in this figure to \$15 million. A \$15 million appropriation would place Pennsylvania among the top 17 states nationwide in per capita arts funding, closing the gap between the Commonwealth and its neighbors.

An increase in the appropriation to the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to \$15 million is key to ensuring that the progress we have made, artistically, educationally, and economically, will continue. On behalf of Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

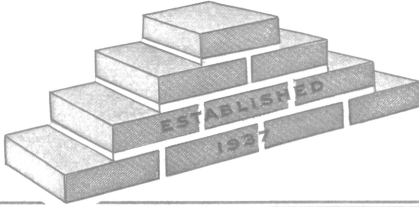
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March 31, 2000

The Honorable Susan Laughlin
555 Merchant Street
Ambridge, Pennsylvania 15003-2464

Re: Funding for Pittsburgh Public Theater

Dear Representative Laughlin:

As one of your constituents and a Trustee of Pittsburgh Public Theater, I am writing this letter to you to urge your full support of the Public Theater's first and only request for financial assistance from the Governor's budget.

The Theater has submitted an application for \$562,800 in funding assistance through the Department of Community and Economic Development, Community Revitalization program. Additionally, this request may qualify for funding through the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program.

The funding the Public Theater seeks would be used to make unexpected changes to the O'Reilly Theater to ensure that it operates efficiently and optimally as a producing theater facility. The financial demands of the changes that need to be made could threaten the fiscal soundness of a group that has operated for 25 years without an accumulated deficit.

The Pittsburgh Public Theater has a significant economic impact on the downtown area bringing 650 people, six nights a week, to 235 performances a year. A great number of these people also patronize local establishments in the district before and after performances.

This organization is playing an important role in the revitalization of downtown Pittsburgh, and its outstanding theatrical works bring national attention to our area.

It is my hope that you will actively support and vote for this crucial funding for Pittsburgh Public Theater.

Sincerely,

Nadine E. Bognar, Trustee
Pittsburgh Public Theater

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Senate of Pennsylvania

To: Allegheny County Legislators
From: Sen. Jack Wagner & Sen. Melissa Hart
Re: Allegheny County-based budget requests
Today's date: April 3, 2000

As we are all aware, numerous organizations based in Allegheny County have requested funding from the 2000-2001 state budget. Indeed, each of us regularly champions the requests of groups that provide service we believe to be particularly important and successful. Given that many of these groups are smaller and community-based, we as a delegation are not all aware that they are seeking state support.

We believe it is constructive to both these efforts and all Allegheny County residents that we all be aware of these numerous requests as the budget process advances. With that objective in mind, the following list details funding requests received from our office; if we have excluded any organizations that have requested funding through your offices, please let us know and we will add them to the list. Though this list certainly does not constitute universal agreement on granting every funding request, a final list enables us to better coordinate and ensure that we support each other's priorities and those of the organizations that serve Allegheny County residents.

Bidwell Training Center/Manchester Craftsmen's Guild	\$4.6 million
Connelly Technical Center	\$450,000
Epilepsy Foundation of Western Pennsylvania	\$450,000
Family Support Center	\$8 million
Greater Pittsburgh Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$65,000
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	
State Food Purchase Program	\$18 million
Charitable Food Network	\$2 million
Greater Pittsburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$350,000
Magee Women's Research Institute	\$750,000
National Aviary	\$1.2 million
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust	\$15 million
Pittsburgh Public Theater	\$500,000
Pittsburgh Regional Alliance	\$350,000
Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center	\$3 million

Pittsburgh Youth Collaborative	\$750,000
Radio-Information Service (RIS)	\$ 53,000
Small Business Development Center	\$4.5 million
University of Pittsburgh (Manufacturing Assistance Center)	\$350,000
Verland Foundation	\$1.5 million
World Trade Center (Pittsburgh)	\$300,000

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UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA



June 4, 2001

TO ALL PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

United Steelworkers of America, District 10 of Pennsylvania will be holding a "Steel Crisis Awareness Day" at the State Capital in Harrisburg on Tuesday, June 5, 2001. We will have over 1,000 members and retirees from all around the state visiting Legislator's offices in the State House and Senate at approximately 10 a.m. until late afternoon. There will be a Press Conference - Rally in the Rotunda from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. Labor and Industry Secretary Butler will be addressing the Rally along with Representatives from the State Assembly, steel companies and other organizations. This office will attempt to keep you informed of any other related activities as we go forward. The Steelworkers will be introducing State Legislative Issues designed to save the steel industry in Pennsylvania as well as promote HR808, the "Steel Revitalization Legislation" in Congress.

If you have any questions please call me at 717 - 238-7359.

Very truly yours,

Jim DeBord

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June 22, 2001

To: Representative Susan Laughlin

FAX: 717-772-1232

Dear Representative Laughlin:

As you know, the United Steelworkers of America and Steel Companies in Pennsylvania have proposed a \$200 million dollar State Emergency Loan Guarantee Fund to help beleaguered steel facilities in the Commonwealth stay in operations until the recently announced Bush Administration Section 201 investigation yields some relief. Governor Ridge and both the Majority and Minority Leaders in the State House and Senate have publicly pledged to try to find a way to meet this need in the upcoming budget resolution.

We need your help in assuring that the bi-partisan effort to make this Fund available quickly and effectively continues to support this proposal. More specifically, we need you to make it known that you expect a solution to be included in this Budget.

We thank you for all the attention and support you have given us so far, and hope that you work continuously over the next few weeks to assure this dire need is met.

Thank you,

Name: Ralph J. [Signature]

Address: 13 Cree Rd.

City/State/Zip: Latrobe Pa 15601

Phone#: 724 237-9195

Representative Sue Laughlin
555 Merchant Street
Ambridge, Pa. 15003

March 7, 2001

Dear Representative Laughlin;

We are writing to you today to request an opportunity to meet with you to discuss an important issue facing low income residents of personal care homes in Beaver County and across the state. For more than eight years, the state of Pennsylvania has not increased its share of the personal home care supplements that assist residents who receive Supplemental Security Income or SSI. The Ridge administration, in its recently released 2001-2002 budget has proposed a subsidy increase that would amount to about \$2 per day. While we are grateful for that consideration, the first in eight years, we believe that higher levels of subsidies are necessary to continue to provide adequate care to some of our most needy residents. We would like to invite you to join us at a breakfast meeting on Thursday, March 29th, 2001, at Lindy's restaurant (Brodhead Road, Center Twp., from 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. to discuss this matter further with most of the personal care operators in Beaver County. We are inviting all of the Beaver County State Legislators to this meeting. We have at least one personal care home operator in every legislative district in the county.

The 24 Personal-care home operators in Beaver County provide quality living care to more than 1250 residents at any one time. Many lower income level residents rely on the Pennsylvania State supplied, personal -care home supplement to their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for their personal expenses. While the Federal government adjusts its share of the SSI supplement annually to reflect cost of living changes, we respectfully believe that a higher level of state subsidies are necessary to assure continued quality care for our most needy residents. Some of our members are members of the Pennsylvania Health Care Association and Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging. As Beaver County Personal-home care operators we are proud of the quality care we provide for our elderly residents. We look forward to discussing this important issue with you and other area state representatives throughout our region. Your colleagues across the Commonwealth will be hearing the same message over the next few months as we collectively work towards fair and equitable funding for our neediest residents.

Thank you for considering our invitation. Please give me a call at (724) 869 3344 at your convenience if you need additional information or to rsvp. We respectfully request your attendance and hope to hear back from you in the next 10 days.

Sincerely, 

Lois Hoffman *(on behalf of the Beaver County Personal Home Care Operators)
Hoffman Care for the Elderly 1233 Second Avenue Conway, Pa. 15027

317 Amsler Road
Sewickley, PA 15143

Make a Federal law:

- Anyone threatening someone with a gun (as in a hold-up, drive-by or random shooting);
1st offense -- 25 years in prison; no plea bargain; no probation.

2nd offense -- 50 years in prison; no plea bargain; no probation.

- Anyone shooting and wounding someone with a gun; 45 years in prison; no plea bargain; no probation -- This would apply for each victim involved.

- If someone dies from being shot;
The death penalty; no plea bargain; no probation

The only exceptions would be police enforcing the law and personal self-defense or any accidental shooting.

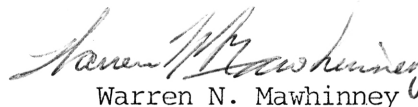
If they plead insanity -- sentence to a mental institution for the criminally insane for the same amount of time as a prison sentence with no probation or weekends out.

I don't think there be an over-crowding of jails, if some would be sentenced under this, and if it was publicized so others would know, I think there would be fewer crimes committed.

The above suggested law would put the burden where it belongs and would help the police; instead of making new laws to take guns away from law-abiding citizens.

Once the penalty was strong enough for skyjacking an airplane, that crime sure stopped -- they didn't take the airplanes out of the sky!!

Sincerely,


Warren N. Mawhinney

WHAT TAX REFORM MEANS TO YOU

Compliments of . . .

REP. SUSAN LAUGHLIN 16th Legislative District



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The Pennsylvania legislature has approved a landmark legislative package that will change the face of local taxes in the state for the first time in decades. It is designed to give local governments a broad mix of taxes to choose from so that they can meet their responsibilities to you and keep taxes as fair as possible. The package is designed to make our tax system fairer, by cutting property taxes and doing away with nuisance taxes. This will reflect more on people's ability to pay than on the worth of their property.

As with any changes involving taxes, the issue is often complex and sometimes confusing. This is designed to help you understand what is contained in the local tax reform package.

YOU HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON TAX REFORM

Although the House and the Senate have approved methods for reforming local taxes, the public must vote to approve the changes. People can decide whether they like the changes in the May primary. If the changes are approved, school districts could implement their portions of tax reform July 1, 1990 and counties and municipalities could begin their changes Jan. 1, 1991.

PROPERTY TAX CUTS

School districts and municipalities that enact a personal income tax would cut residential property taxes by at least 25 percent. Exceptions to this reduction are: financially-distressed municipalities; school districts or municipalities levying the income tax at the maximum rate; and school districts or municipalities in which the local tax study commission recommends a residential property tax reduction of less than 25 percent. Municipalities could charge up to a .75 percent personal income tax and school districts could charge 1.5 percent. **Any new revenues raised from personal income tax rates must be used to cut residential property taxes dollar for dollar.**

ABOLISHED TAXES

This legislation would abolish the so-called nuisance taxes such as the personal property, per capita and occupational assessment taxes.

COUNTY SALES TAX

Counties have the option to impose a .5 percent sales tax, except for Philadelphia and Allegheny counties, which could charge a 1 percent tax. No big bureaucracies would be created to collect the tax because the state would collect it along with the state sales tax. Only items that the state charges sales tax on could be taxed by counties.

Also, if a county imposes a sales tax, it must share one-quarter of the proceeds with municipalities that 1) ask to share in the tax revenue 2) establish at least a .25 percent personal income tax and 3) charge a property tax.

Municipalities also could charge up to \$20 for a municipal service tax. This tax is really the occupational privilege tax renamed to better describe its purpose. Municipalities and school districts may exempt low-income residents and eligible senior citizens from the municipal service tax and the personal income tax.

INCOME THAT WILL BE TAXED

Taxpayers will pay their local income tax on the same base as they now pay their state income tax (on wages, net profits, dividends, etc.) **THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX DOES *NOT* INCLUDE RETIREMENT BENEFITS SUCH AS SOCIAL SECURITY, WELFARE BENEFITS, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION OR OTHER INCOME THAT IS NOT TAXED BY THE STATE.**

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior citizens who own their homes and even renters will benefit from the shift away from property taxes. With tax reform, interest earnings and other unearned income will be taxed, but ***NOT*** pension or Social Security income.

There also will be provisions to help protect senior citizens of modest means from both the personal income tax and any increases in their property taxes. Senior citizens, like everyone else, will no longer be subject to the per capita, occupation assessment, residence and personal property taxes.

HOW THE STATE WILL HELP WITH THESE CHANGES

The state has already set aside \$140 million to be used as a tax reform transition fund. A total of \$70 million will be used during the first three years to help municipalities enact the changes. The remainder will be used to ease the state budget into the other tax-related programs, including:

- ✓ more mass transit assistance;
- ✓ funds for municipalities declared financially distressed; and
- ✓ temporary special aid to communities that lose a certain percent of their real estate tax revenues due to business bankruptcies.

REMEMBER. . . YOU have the final say on whether this package actually becomes law!