

Myerstown Elementary School
101 South Railroad Street
Myerstown, PA 17067
May 27, 2003

Dear Representative Zug,

We, the fourth grade classes at Myerstown Elementary School, would like to propose that the state of Pennsylvania adopt an official state color. We would like to propose that the color **green** be designated the official state color of Pennsylvania for the following reasons. Each of Pennsylvania's symbols is rooted in history or pays tribute to Pennsylvania in some way. The word Sylvania, which means "Woodland", was William Penn's choice of a name for the new colony. It only became Pennsylvania when King Charles II wanted Admiral Penn's name included. So Pennsylvania is "Penn's Woods". **Green** suggests the color of trees or woods. No matter where you are in the state of Pennsylvania you are never more than twenty-five miles from a state forrest. More than half of Pennsylvania consists of **green** space in the form of woods or fields or farms. Pennsylvania is noted for its farms and agriculture. The official state tree, the hemlock, is an evergreen, ever **green**. The official state seal shows a **green** stalk of corn and a **green** olive branch.

These are our reasons for choosing the color **green** in the hopes that it will be designated our state color.

Thank you for your help and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Class
of
Myerstown Elementary School

Mrs. Schott and Mr. Wright
Teachers

Ref A. Wright *Suzanne M. Schott*

Mrs. Schott's Class

Mrs. Suzanne N. Schott
Stephanie Kleinfelter
Colt Smith
Marc McGuffie
Tyler George
John Adams
Theresa Dan Severino
Alexis Shaffer
Aaron Kline
Alex Trivestine
Justin Gilbert
Rebecca McConnell
Aaron Keefer
Evan Hicks
Emily Gerhart
Cody Bashore
Rachael Sims
Aaron King
Christopher Beam
Horissa Ebersole
Kelsey L. Shewmaker

Mr. Wright's Class

Mr. Wright

Tim Scott

Derin Bucks

Chad Fackman
Jessica Shamaker

Stephanie Weaver

Tracy Harvey

Olga Korber

Golly Mowus

Shelly Schott

Benjamin Moyer

Joshua Mordernus

Mike Lear

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Michael Harmish

Katrina Kreiser

Jordan Weidman

Steven Keller

Luke Atkins

Isabella Riley

Alysa Behm

Beth Zombra

Memorandum

Date: June 12, 2003

To: Representative Peter Zug

From: Gail L. Dull, State Government Committee

RE: Bill Draft for Green as the Official State Color

Per Susan Boyle, I have drafted the legislation for the fourth grade classes at Myerstown Elementary School proposing green as the official state color.

If you have any questions or concerns about this draft, please feel free to contact me.

Attachments

PETER J. ZUG, MEMBER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE PETER ZUG

PZ

RE: Proposed Legislation

DATE: June 16, 2003

HB1778

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will designate green as the official state color. This idea was presented to me by elementary school students in my district. These children provided a distinct rationale for choosing this color as is outlined in the legislation.

If you wish to be a co-sponsor of the bill, please contact Lori Losch in my office at 787-2686 or via e-mail at llosch@pahousegop.com.



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July 9, 2003

Myerstown Elementary School
4th Graders of Mrs. Schott and Mr. Wright
101 S. Railroad Street
Myerstown, PA 17067

Dear Children:

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding a state color. I truly appreciate hearing from you.

I have taken your idea and introduced legislation to designate green as our state color. Enclosed please find a copy of HB1778.

This legislation is now in the State Government Committee for review. May I suggest that you contact Representative Paul Clymer, Chairman of the aforementioned committee and express your support for this issue. His address is as follows:

Representative Paul Clymer, Chairman
State Government Committee
House Box 202020
Harrisburg, PA 17120

You have undertaken a good task in trying to adopt green as our state color and you need to be congratulated. Please continue this journey and let it develop into an experiment on how government works.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. We will continue to work toward our goal of having green become our official state color.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Zug".

PETER J. ZUG, MEMBER
102nd Legislative District

PJZ:lbl



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July 29, 2003

Suzanne Schott
Rex Wright
Myerstown Elementary School
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Myerstown, PA 17067

Dear Ms. Schott and Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the Myerstown Elementary School, proposing the adoption of House Bill 1778 which would designate green as our state color.

I appreciate the many reasons offered in your letter to make green the official color of Pennsylvania. Obviously, a great deal of time and effort was put forth to make green the more dominant of all the other colors.

My staff and I will be reviewing this and other legislation as we prepare for the fall agenda. Currently, the House is recessed (unless the Speaker would call us back) until September, 2003.

Again, my sincere appreciation for sharing with me your desire to make green our official state color.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul".

PAUL I. CLYMER, Chairman
House State Government Committee

PIC/erk

cc: The Honorable Peter Zug