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March 12, 1993

Mr. Robert E. Grice
Administrator
City of Corry
100 South Center Street
Corry, PA 16407

Dear Bob:

The enclosed check is part of a grant awarded under the Recreational Improvement Act (RIRA) administered by the Department of Community Affairs.

This check is the initial payment to the City of Corry, and the amount of the check represents fifty percent of the total grant amount. The amount of the grant outstanding will be reimbursed to the community subsequent to progress and completion of the local project.

Please complete the grant check receipt form with your name and title as indicated. In addition, please provide the Department of Community Affairs with a copy of your deposit slip for the check. Send both the grant check receipt and deposit record copy to the Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, Post Office Box 155, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

If I can be of any service to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Scrimenti".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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March 18, 1993

Honorable Karen Miller
Secretary
Department of Community Affairs
317 Forum Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the tax credit application submitted to your department regarding the Corry Area Enterprise Zone located in the Corry area.

I have learned that the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Application in the amount of \$55,538 for Thompson Maple Products, Inc. was turned down due to the exhaustion of NAP/EZP tax credits for the fiscal year 1992-93. A letter received by the Redevelopment Authority in the City of Corry from Dennis Darling, Director of the Bureau of Human Services, Department of Community Affairs, suggested a delay of the project until July 1, 1993. Because of the contractual obligation with other companies to purchase the new products manufactured out of this expansion, this is impossible. I am, therefore, urgently requesting that you recapitalize this fund during this fiscal year.

The Corry Area Enterprise Zone was approved for designation in late December. With that designation they immediately began packaging PIDA, EDA (Warren County RLF), Enterprise Zone Competitive Grant, and Enterprise Zone Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit applications for an expansion that Thompson Maple Products, Inc. is undertaking. This expansion will create nine new jobs in the area.

I would like to state my very strong objections to the denial of this tax credit application. The City of Corry has worked strenuously to obtain the Enterprise Zone status which they just obtained within recent months and I cannot stress enough just how important it is that the City of Corry be able to reap the benefits of that classification to help them in today's difficult times, when the community has experienced hard times principally from the diminishing manufacturing base. This is the first attempt under the Enterprise Zone status and they have already been denied.

I am, therefore, respectfully and urgently requesting that you take whatever steps are necessary to see that this fund is recapitalized and to have this particular application approved without further delay.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Thomas J. Scrimenti in cursive.
Thomas J. Scrimenti
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March 18, 1993

Mr. Richard M. Novotny
Economic Development Specialist
City of Corry
108 South Center Street
Corry, PA 16407

Dear Mr. Novotny: - *Rich*

I am writing in response to your letter regarding the Corry Area Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Application, which was denied by the Department of Community Affairs. I have undertaken to assist you in trying to have the fund recapitalized so that your application may be approved.

I contacted the Department of Community Affairs to get further information on this situation and was told that state law allows for a four million dollar allotment of tax credits for the entire state and that as of January, 1993, the state has already made its tax credit commitments.

My response to this information is that I have written to Karen Miller, Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs, explaining your particular problems with the denial of your application and have urged her to take whatever steps are necessary to have this fund recapitalized so that your application may be approved. Please find a copy of that letter enclosed.

I assure you that I fully understand your predicament and will make every attempt possible to have this fund recapitalized so that your tax credit application may be approved. I will contact you immediately upon receiving a response form Secretary Miller. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Tom Scrimenti
Thomas J. Scrimenti
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TO: Joanna Gerdy, Acting Director
Research & Legislative Services

FROM: Jodi Sterner
Representative Thomas J. Scrimenti's Office

DATE: March 4, 1993

SUBJECT: Novotny/Corry Enterprise Zone

Glenn Parsells drafted two letters for Tom's approval regarding the Corry Enterprise Zone (see attached). Tom would like to "change the tempo" of the letter to Richard Novotny. Instead of sending a letter to Dennis Darling he has decided he would like to send a letter to the Secretary of DCA, Karen Miller. Also, he would like the letter to Richard Novotny to reflect the changes he is proposing in the letter to DCA and to let him know that he is advocating this effort on their behalf. He said that the letter does nothing to satisfy his constituency.

Tom would like the letter to Secretary Karen Miller to state his objections to the denial of the application. He would also like to let her know that the City of Corry has worked strenuously at obtaining the Enterprise Zone status (which they just received within the last month or so) and he wants to stress that the City of Corry would like to reap the benefits of that classification to help them in today's difficult times when the community has experienced hard times principally from the diminishing manufacturing base. This is the first attempt under the Enterprise Zone status and they have already been denied.

Thank you.

Honorable Karen Miller
Secretary
Department of Community Affairs
317 Forum Building
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Mr. Richard M. Novotny
Economic Development Specialist
City of Corry
108 South Center Street
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March 2, 1993

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SUBJECT: Corry Enterprize Zone Tax Credit Application

TO: Representative Thomas J. Scrimenti
Room 25-B, East Wing

FROM: Glenn A. Parsells, Research Analyst
Research & Legislative Services Office

Pursuant to your request regarding the letter from Mr. Richard M. Novotny, Economic Development Specialist for the City of Corry, I have contacted Frank Ryder, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Community Affairs.

He responded that, in short, it is highly unlikely that Mr. Novotny's request to recapitalize the fund can be successfully done. This is because current state law allows for a \$4,000,000 tax credit for the entire state for one fiscal year, and the state has already made its tax credit commitments as of January, 1993. Further, this is unfortunately not a simple line-item type of budgetary adjustment that Mr. Novotny is requesting; in order to comply with Mr. Novotny's request, current law would have to be changed.

According to Mr. Ryder, this would be your only option to try to help Mr. Novotny - the introduction of a bill. Further, the process would apparently involve your going to the respective chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, as well as to Mr. Michael Herschok, Budget Secretary, and to the Republicans to try to convince them to go along with this attempt to change the law. Even with such an earnest effort, Mr. Ryder indicated that the chance for success on this matter would not be very good.

I have, however, drafted a letter to Mr. Dennis Darling, Director of the Bureau of Human Services, Department of Community Affairs, urging him to recapitalize the fund. Please find this letter enclosed for your signature.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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February 12, 1993

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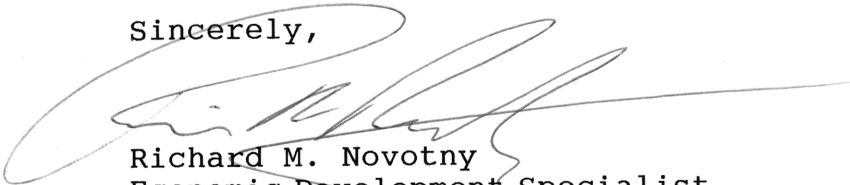
Dear ^{Tom} Representative Scrimenti:

As you know, the Corry Area Enterprise Zone was approved for full designation in late December. With that designation we immediately began packaging PIDA, EDA (Warren County RLF), Enterprise Zone Competitive Grant, and Enterprise Zone Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit applications for an expansion Thompson Maple Products, Inc. is undertaking. This expansion will create nine new jobs in the area.

We were just made aware that our Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Application in the amount of \$55,538 for Thompson Maple Products Inc. was turned down due to the exhaustion of NAP/EZP tax credits for the fiscal year 1992-1993. Our letter from Dennis Darling, Director of Bureau of Human Resources at D.C.A. suggested a delay of the project until July 1, 1993. Because of contractual obligation with other companies to purchase the new products manufactured out of this expansion, this is impossible. I would greatly appreciate any assistance you could provide to recapitalize the fund during this fiscal year.

Thank you very much for your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,


Richard M. Novotny
Economic Development Specialist

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June 14, 1993

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Ms. Virginia Grice
Executive Director
Corry City Redevelopment Authority
108 South Center Street
Corry, PA 16407

Dear Virginia:

The enclosed check is part of a grant awarded under the Enterprise Zone Program administered by the Department of Community Affairs. This check is the final payment to the Corry City Redevelopment Authority.

Please complete the grant check receipt form with your name and title as indicated. In addition, please provide the Department of Community Affairs with a copy of your deposit slip for the check. Send both the grant check receipt and deposit record copy to the Department of Community Affairs Regional Office.

If I can be of any service to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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August 2, 1993

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Mr. Paul F. Steva
Coordinator
Summit Township
8900 Old French Road
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Mr. Steva:

The enclosed check is part of a grant awarded under the Comprehensive Recreation & Park Plan administered by the Department of Community Affairs. This check is the final payment to Summit Township.

Please complete the grant check receipt form with your name and title as indicated. In addition, please provide the Department of Community Affairs with a copy of your deposit slip for the check. Send both the grant check receipt and deposit record copy to the Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, Post Office Box 155, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

If I can be of any service to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Scrimenti".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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August 6, 1993

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Dear Representative:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Community Affairs is now accepting grant applications for another round of funding under the Recreational Improvement and Rehabilitation Act (RIRA) Program. A \$3.5 million appropriation for this ninth round of funding was provided in the Commonwealth's fiscal year 1993-94 budget.

To assist you in responding to questions your office may receive relative to the availability of these funds, I have enclosed a copy of the announcement package that was provided to all local governments of the Commonwealth. Additional application materials can be obtained by local municipalities through the Department of Community Affairs' regional and central offices. The deadline for submission of applications is October 8, 1993.

We look forward to assisting you and your constituent municipalities in applying for these funds. Please do not hesitate to contact me in this regard.

Sincerely,

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

Frank Ryder
Legislative Liaison

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August 30, 1993

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Mr. John Klein
Diocesan Lodge
RR3 Box 855
Spartansburg, PA 16434

Dear Mr. Klein:

I want to thank you for your recent inquiry of my office regarding the availability of any state funds for your programs at Nazareth House. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to participate in your good works on the behalf of others. Nazareth House makes a great contribution to the charitable spirit of our region. You should be proud of the way its example serves well all who have sought ways to help others in our community.

I contacted the Department of Community Affairs about your request. There seems to be two programs in particular for which your work may qualify, they are the Neighborhood Assistance Program and the Employment Community Conservation Program. Both of these are tax credit programs. They allow for tax credits to be given to local industries that contribute to your efforts. Nazareth House would be responsible for raising the funds from organizations who then in turn would receive the credit. This program has allowed some groups to raise quite a lot of money in the past. The application process begins again this November. I took the liberty to ask the Department of Community Affairs to add your organization onto their mailing list. You should receive information about these two programs within the next few weeks. If you do not, please let me know.

Also, a person that you need to be in contact with is Mr. Bruce Cauldwell. Mr. Cauldwell works very closely with the Department of Health's drug and alcohol programs, and in particular the halfway houses around the state. He was described to me as an expert on the wealth of intervention programs and funding avenues available from the state. After working with him I am sure you will need to be in contact with the Department of Health. It would be my pleasure to help you in any way I can with your dealings with the Department. Mr. Cauldwell can be reached at 717-626-9524, 649 East Main Street, Lititz, 17543. You can let Mr. Cauldwell know that the Director of the Division of Prevention and Intervention Services in the Department of Health, Mr. Joseph Powell, recommended him.

Mr. Kline, I hope that my efforts on your behalf and on the behalf of the good work done at Nazareth House prove helpful to your cause. As always, please call upon me whenever I can be of any more assistance.

Sincerely,

Tom Scrimenti
Tom Scrimenti
State Representative



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THE SECRETARY

December 15, 1993

The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
House Post Office Box 96
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0028

Dear Representative Scrimenti:

I am responding to your letter of December 2, 1993 concerning the East Lake Road water extension project in Harborcreek Township, Erie County. One of your constituents, Ms. Moski, has expressed concerns with the manner in which this project is being administered by local government. Ms. Moski's concerns are with environmental and contractual aspects of the project.

This project is being funded with \$117,250 of Department of Community Affairs' Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$1.3 million of local funds. The CDBG funds are to be used to pay tap in fees for low and moderate income residents that will be served by the system.

By letter dated October 4, 1993 the Compliance office of DCA's Bureau of Housing and Development, requested that Erie County officials provide the Department with a copy of the Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the Harborcreek project. Upon receipt, the Compliance office reviewed the ERR to ensure that all the Federal regulations and procedures were followed. DCA's October 4 letter also suggested to County officials that they consider the suspension of further construction activity until the environmental review issues had been thoroughly reviewed and addressed.

The Compliance office's review of the County's ERR did reveal several procedural deficiencies and the County was advised to take corrective action. Based on information submitted by the County, DCA was able to determine that public hearings were held on the project.

As DCA and the County attempt to resolve various issues relating to Environmental Review procedures, the Township has determined to continue construction. The construction contract is between the Township and the contractor. Therefore, DCA has no

The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
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legal basis to require the Township to suspend construction pending the resolution of environmental review requirements.

The \$117,250 of CDBG funds involved in this project are part of a grant made by DCA to Erie County. The County is responsible to DCA for the requirements contained in the grant contract. If the environmental review issues are not adequately resolved, the County will not be permitted to use CDBG funds for any aspect of the project.

Your continued interest in the concerns of your constituents and the Department's programs is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Karen A. Miller
Secretary

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December 2, 1993

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Honorable Karen A. Miller
Secretary
Department of Community Affairs
317 Forum Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Miller:

I have been contacted by a constituent, Ms. Karen Moski, from my legislative district in the Erie, Pennsylvania area, concerning problems that she has identified as the East Lake Road Water Extension in Harborcreek Township.

In her letter to me, Ms. Moski claims that the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs compliance office wrote to the County of Erie on October 4. She further states that the Department requested the Environmental Review for the Block Grant and that the Department also suggested the suspension of construction. She, therefore asks, why are the contractors still digging?

She further states that the contract provides that all of the homes were supposed to be hooked up for water before the construction went into the second phase, but that, as of today, several wells have been ruined and no homes can tap into them. Consequently, she asks, why can the township break the contract and do anything they want to do?

She also claims that there are so many violations under the Block Grant rules and now the contract that was signed is being ignored. She, therefore, wonders how a document like this construction contract for over \$800,000, that was awarded based on bid applications, using public money, can just be tossed aside?

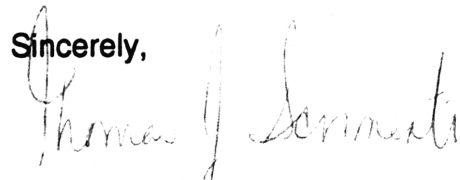
Additionally, she asks why there were no public hearings or meetings where the bluff erosion problem was explained. She states that she was told by the Department that that was the County's responsibility. She then claims that the County also violated the procedure for the floodplain crossing at Eight Mile Creek and wonders what the consequences are.

Honorable Karen A. Miller
December 2, 1993
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Essentially, Ms. Moski would like an explanation concerning how all of these regulations can be broken. I would appreciate any information and explanation you could provide for Ms. Moski concerning her questions.

I look forward to hearing from you concerning this request. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas J. Scrimanti".

Thomas J. Scrimanti
State Representative

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cc: Ms. Karen Moski

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January 7, 1994

Mr. Frank A. Knauer
Secretary
East Erie Suburban Recreation and
Conservation Authority
2226 Station Road
Erie, PA 16510

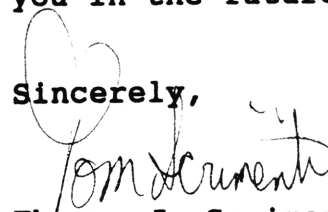
Dear Mr. Knauer:

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July 25, 1994

Raymond Angeli
Secretary
Department of Community Affairs
Room 317, Forum Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Angeli:

I write to underscore my support for two projects which the Corry City Redevelopment Authority is seeking to fund through the Community Facilities Program. The projects are as follows:

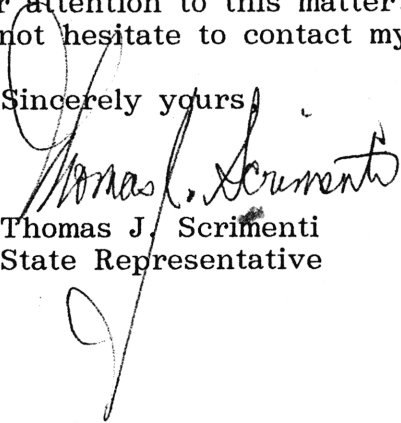
-- \$75,000 grant to the City of Corry for Bear Creek Interceptor Sewer Line. This project will be used to fix residential sewer problem which causes sewers to back up during heavy rains and storms.

-- \$50,000 to Wayne Township for sewer installation. Currently the Township is without a sewer system of any kind.

I am aware of the limited funding for this program and the comparatively high number of applications it has received for assistance. Accordingly, I would like to emphasize that the need for these projects has been well-documented and that the Authority's applications satisfy the purpose of the Community Facilities Program.

As always, thank you for your attention to this matter. If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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cc: Virginia Grice