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May 2, 2002

Campy Dehmkemper  
Brookside Fire Company  
3560 Athens  
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Chief Dehmkemper:

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the unanimous approval of House Bill 1327, which would appropriate the use of taxes for fire suppression employees, ambulance service, rescue squads and other emergency services in the House of Representatives.

House Bill 1327, of which I am a co-sponsor, allows a borough to appropriate up to one-half, but not to exceed one mill, of the revenue generated from a tax to pay for salaries or benefits of emergency service employees of the municipality. The current law already allows a portion of the fire tax to be used to defray the costs of equipment and training for companies. This legislation simply expands the use of the dedicated taxes already authorized by statute so that a portion of the taxes collected can be used for salaries.

Fire departments are a vital asset to every community in the Commonwealth. It is because of your devotion and commitment to the community that our neighborhoods continue to be safe places to live. This legislation will reward fire companies for the quality service you provide to communities on a daily basis. House Bill 1327 will now go to the Senate for further consideration. If passed by the Senate, this bill will then go on to the Governor for his signature. In the meanwhile, I am pleased with the progress this bill has made and will continue to work diligently to ensure that fire departments and firefighters receive appropriate funding.

I hope this information proves useful and beneficial to you in evaluating funding for your fire company in the future. As always, if I may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative  
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February 25, 2000

James T. Walka, P.E., P.L.S.  
Henry T. Walka & Associates  
3200 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Erie, PA 16506

Dear Mr. Walka:

Thank you for your recent letter wherein you requested my opposition to House Bill 1960, the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, providing for sewage enforcement officer powers.

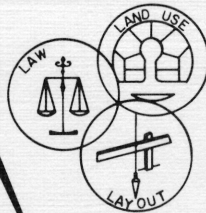
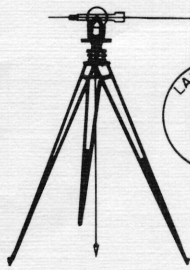
As I am sure you are aware, this legislation was first considered February 1, 2000. The House must consider the bill three times before final passage. Please be assured that your thoughts have been duly noted.

I would like to thank you again for your letter to my office. Please do not hesitate to communicate your views with me in the future.

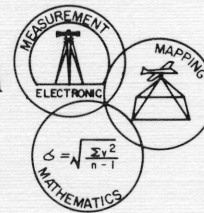
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(1938-1991)

JAMES T. WELKA,  
PE, P.L.S.

February 3, 2000

State Representative Thomas J. Scrimenti  
Capital  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: House Bill 1960

Dear Representative Scrimenti:

I am writing to ask that you oppose House Bill 1960, a bill that would allow sewage enforcement officers (SEOs) to design engineering systems. This bill amends the Sewage Facilities Act by adding a provision to allow SEOs to also design on-lot systems. Last session a similar bill was introduced as amendment to the Professional Engineers Registration Act. That bill failed, so the advocates of the legislation are attempting to amend a different law, but to achieve the same end. The State Registration board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists has already ruled the design of these systems constitutes the practice of engineering as defined in the law.

An individual can become a SEO after only a few weeks of courses. Compare that with the requirement to become a Professional Engineer: four year degree from an accredited engineering curriculum, passage of an 8 hour fundamentals of engineering exam, four years of experience under a licensed engineer, and passage of an 8 hour professional engineers exam. In addition to the disparity in qualifications, this legislation sets a dangerous precedent of turning regulators into consultants. The SEO's functions is to review and approve permits. If design is added to their list of activities, will the Legislature next allow building inspectors to design electrical and HVAC systems, or zoning officers to design subdivision plans?

Please do whatever you can to prevent House Bill 1960's passage.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'James T. Welka'.

James T. Welka, P.E., P.L.S.  
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March 2, 1999

Richard M. Novotny  
Enterprise Zone Coordinator  
Corry Area Enterprise Zone  
380 Sciota Street, P.O. Box 38  
Corry, Pennsylvania 16407

Dear Mr. Novotny:

Thank you for contacting me on the matter of lowered funding for our district's Enterprise Zone programs. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you.

I fear your assertions are correct. In the Governor's proposed 1999-2000 General Fund Budget, it appears that there will indeed be a roughly 33.3 percent funding shortfall if the Governor's numbers on this program are used. We in the General Assembly do have the option of using the Governor's budget as a guide. In the end, however, it is the legislative budgetary process of hearings, committee meetings, and negotiating which makes the final determinant on what funds are expedited to what projects.

Attracting new industry and creating jobs are presumed to be among our chief priorities in the Commonwealth. I agree with your position that we need to have the ability to attract new businesses with the extra incentives present in this program. We cannot afford to let the current economic boon, seen in other areas of Pennsylvania, pass our region by.

With this in mind, please know that I will take your thoughts on this matter into the utmost consideration, and do what I can to ensure that our Enterprise Zone programs have the proper support they deserve. As always, I thank you for contacting my office on this matter. I appreciate hearing your thoughts and views on the issues that you feel are important.

Sincerely,

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

Tom Scrimenti  
State Representative  
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February 19, 1999

The Honorable Thomas Scrimenti  
State Representative, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
House PO Box 202020  
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Re: Reduced Funding Level for 1999-2000 Enterprise Zone Program

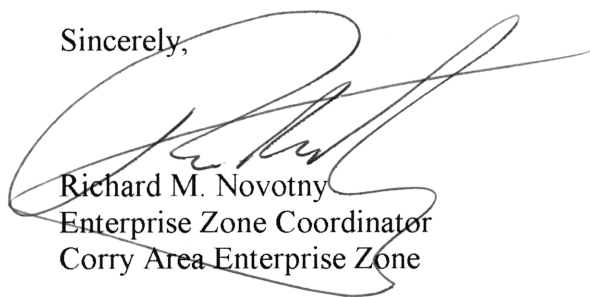
Dear Representative Scrimenti,

The Enterprise Zone programs in your district have once again come under attack. Enterprise Zone Programs in Erie County (City of Corry, Wayne, Summit and Harborcreek Townships) will be virtually halted by the proposed cutbacks in the Commonwealth Budget. I have enclosed last year's regional impact report, which is currently being updated.

Current funding levels (1998-1999) of \$6.78 million do not currently keep pace of demand by industries utilizing this program. By reducing funding (as proposed in the draft budget) to \$4.6 million the program will come to screeching halt. No longer will firms locating and expanding in communities long plagued by job losses have access to the extra incentives the Enterprise Zone program offers. Communities currently on the rebound may again be faced with a downward economic spiral.

I ask for your support, and to play an active role in returning the Enterprise Zone Program funding levels back to last year's level or possibly providing a modest increase. We are forever grateful to you for past assistance in the many projects that have occurred in the City of Corry and Wayne Township.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Novotny  
Enterprise Zone Coordinator  
Corry Area Enterprise Zone

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April 30, 1999

The Honorable Dwight Evans, Democratic Chair  
Appropriations Committee  
Room 512 E – Main Capital Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Chairman Evans:

I write to request that \$2 million in funding be restored to the Enterprise Zone Program for the coming fiscal year. The Program has been of inestimable help to start up businesses in my district and, I imagine, in other districts as well. However, there is still room for growth in the more rural areas of the state, such as in the eastern part of my district. I have received many letters from businesses in the Corry area urging restoration of funds to the program that helped them start and keeps them thriving.

The Enterprise Zone Program's direct help in attracting businesses into slower growing areas of the state optimizes the value of the loan dollars the Program also offers. Reducing that effort now will place a heavy burden on newly established companies.

The Enterprise Zone Program deserves great support from the business community and from the workers those businesses have employed. It is a government program that really works, investing small amounts of money for tremendous returns in job and local revenue growth. I urge your support in restoring the \$2 million in funding to the Program. I shall be happy to discuss this issue with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Scrimenti".

Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

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- Kalberlin
- Brady
- Gerdy
- McAvoy
- Kingston

Richard M. Novotny  
Enterprise Zone Coordinator  
City of Corry *Redev. Auth.*  
380 Sciota Street, PO Box 38  
Corry, PA 16407

*previous letter done to him?*

*Clarify  
loan/grant info*

Dear Mr. Novotny:

Thank you for writing to request my help in maintaining funding for Enterprise Zones. As you may know, Erie County first began participating in the Enterprise Zone Program in the 1986-87 fiscal year. The program, with its loan program and special help in promoting businesses in our area, has done much for new businesses and the economy of Erie County.

The Program, begun in 1982 in response to the drastic economic downturn of the early 1980's was targeted to help areas where economic distress was particularly persistent get back 'on their feet'. Some areas of the state still need help, and the Corry area - despite Enterprise Zone successes such as your business may be one of them.\*

I have written a letter to Dwight Evans, Democratic Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee suggesting that Erie County still needs Enterprise Zone Program funds. Enclosed find a copy of this letter for your records.

*emphasizing Erie County's need for continued*

Again, thank you for taking the time to write about a program that has had such a positive impact on our area's well being. Please don't hesitate to contact me on this or any other issue of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

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*Suggestion:  
\* Despite Ent. zone successes such as your business, some areas of the state still need help, & the Corry area may be one of them.  
(? is it or isn't it?)*

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May 17, 1999

Mr. P.C. "Hoop" Roche, President-CEO  
Erie Plastics  
One Plastics Road  
Corry, PA 16407-8599

Dear Mr. Roche: → *Roche,*

I would like to thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with me about the 1999-2000 General Fund Budget. As your State Representative, I certainly value your input and I appreciate being apprised of those issues that concern you.

As you may already know, the House and the Senate, in conference, increased the appropriation for Enterprise Zones by \$2,000,000, a 50% increase over the current year's appropriation. The state appropriation under DCED for grants for Enterprise Zones went from \$4,664,000 to \$6,996,000.

I was certainly gratified that the appropriation under DCED for grants for Enterprise Zones was increased by \$2,000,000. I would like to note that because of these important improvements within the budget, as well as many other granted appropriations, I voted in favor of the budget. I believe that many of my colleagues and I supported many important initiatives aimed at improving Pennsylvania.

I would like to thank you once again for taking the time to write and apprise me of your views on important issues such as this one. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if you have questions about this or any other legislative issue.

Sincerely,

*Thomas J. Scrimenti*  
Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

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March 2, 1994

The Honorable Thomas Scrimenti  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Scrimenti:

I'm sorry you were unable to attend the meeting in Representative Cappabianca's office on Monday with Holly Kinser and me to discuss the impact EPA's Cluster Rule could have on International Papers's Erie mill. It is my understanding that copies of informational packets distributed at the meeting will be forwarded to you. Representative Cappabianca has indicated he will coordinate a response on behalf of the Erie delegation of legislators to urge EPA to consider and adopt the industry's alternative and to modify the Agency's position on fence-line compliance for those mills with off-site treatment plants.

Please consider your support on this most important issue for the Erie community. Don't hesitate to call me at 814-870-6755 if you have questions or desire to discuss this issue in more detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward K. Leslie".

Edward K. Leslie, Manager  
Environment, Health & Safety

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March 21, 1994

Mr. Tom Scrimenti  
9 West Main Street  
North East, PA 16428

Dear Mr. Scrimenti:

I have just become aware of what is know as EPA's Cluster Rules. I work at International Paper Company in Erie, Pennsylvania, and I am concerned that if these rules take effect like they are currently written, part of the Erie Mill will be forced to shutdown. We have always done a good job here in protecting our environment and have spent many millions of dollars in the past five years to prevent harming the environment. I am concerned that many jobs could be lost if these rules aren't changed. It's my understanding that the pulp and paper industry has provided alternatives to the EPA which would meet all of EPA's goals and greatly minimize the enormous cost to comply.

I ask you to insist that EPA consider all alternatives before putting these requirements into effect. We must preserve both the environment and our jobs if we are to remain a strong nation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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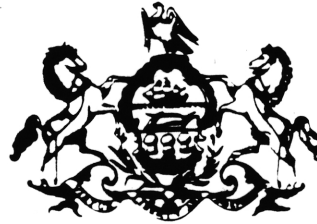


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The Honorable Carol Browner  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Browner:

I would like to take this opportunity to official submit my comments and concern about the recently proposed combined air and water regulations (cluster rule) for the pulp and paper industry. Although I support the Environmental Protections Agency's (EPA) efforts to protect our fragile natural resources, I do not believe that these rules must place an undue, as well as unnecessary, burden on the regulated industry.

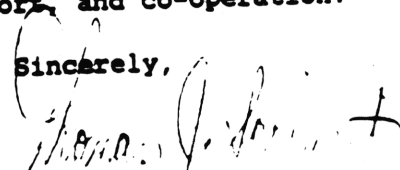
The National Council on Air and Stream Improvements (NCASI) estimates that these rules will force approximately 33 mill closings, resulting in the direct loss of over 21,500 jobs. In addition, the cluster rules will impose \$11 billion in capitol costs on the industry. In this era of economic uncertainty, these costs may cause irreparable harm on this already troubled industry.

As you may know, the industry has proposed an alternative which would save over \$3.8 billion while offering the same protection as the proposed cluster rule. The industry alternative proposed substituting the chlorine dioxide for elemental chlorine in the bleaching process. However, I have been informed that the EPA did not evaluate this alternative.

Although I am not versed in the EPA's rule-making procedure, I firmly believe that the best results are achieved when government and business work with, not against, each other. I certainly hope that the EPA will use the public comment period to review the industry's proposal as well as to reach a mutually beneficial solution.

Thank you in advance for your time, effort, and co-operation.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative