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February 4, 2002

David A. Bauer, Esquire  
Goodell & Goodell, Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
2 Forest Street, P. O. Box 206  
Sugar Grove, PA 16350

Dear Mr. Bauer:

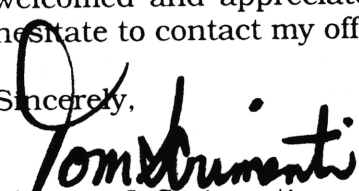
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your correspondence regarding Mr. Scott Wenzel's proposition to swap an agricultural deed restriction from one parcel to another in Warren County. I sincerely appreciate you alerting me of Mr. Wenzel's predicament.

As you know, I believe in the preservation and conservation of our rich farmland for the use of future generations of Pennsylvanians. Currently, Senate Bill 1169 is before the House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee where it is awaiting further consideration. At this writing, SB 1169 has not been amended. While I am not a member of that committee, I will keep Mr. Wenzel's concerns and suggestions in mind when, and if, it comes before the full House of Representatives for a vote.

With this in mind, I support Mr. Wenzel's proposal to save prime farmland in exchange for the development of land with lesser quality soil. As the elected representative of the residents of the 4<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in Erie County, I would have to follow the General Assembly's protocol that Representative Jim Lynch or Senator Joseph B. Scarnati, both who represent Warren County, must sponsor this legislation. Please know that I will support any legislation offered that would be beneficial in preserving prime farmland from development.

Again, thank you for sharing with me your concerns. As always, your input is welcomed and appreciated. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Scrimenti  
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December 5, 2001

Hon. Russell Redding  
Deputy Secretary  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

RE: Scott Wenzel Farm, Russell, PA

Dear Russ:

We received a copy of Mr. Wenzel's long letter of November 29, 2001 to you setting forth the history and arguments favoring his proposition to switch an agricultural easement from one parcel to another in Warren County.

Insofar as the facts support Mr. Wenzel's letter, I would like to inform you that I will do whatever is required to support Mr. Wenzel's proposal to salvage excellent farmland in exchange for development of land with poorer quality soil. The base objective of the Farmland Preservation program is the recognition of the irreplaceable value of good agricultural land, and I think we should be willing to move some bureaucratic furniture to attain that objective when necessary. Moreover, I think that we should do whatever is necessary -- by influencing the actions of the Department of General Services -- to preserve the authentically valuable agricultural installations on the state-owned properties that had been leased by the Wenzels and which contribute significantly to their ongoing farm operations.

By copy of this letter, I will notify Representative Lynch of my willingness to support the request of his constituent for state intervention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Daley

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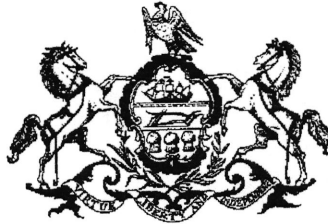
Cc: Mr. Scott Wenzel  
Representative Lynch (with copy of Wenzel letter)  
Representative Bunt

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March 18, 2003

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David & Kathy Maas

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North East, PA 16428

Dear David & Kathy:

Thank you for your recent letter wherein you requested my opposition to House Bill 66 or any other legislation allowing farmland currently or formerly owned by the Commonwealth to be used for nonfarm development.

This legislation directs the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Public Welfare, to convey to Warren County 29.6513 acres and buildings thereon in Conewango Township, Warren County, for fair market value.

Section 514(a) of Act No. 175 of 1929, known as the Administrative Code, requires legislative authorization for the conveyance of, easement of, or right-of-way to Commonwealth land. Pennsylvania House of Representatives Rule 32 sets forth that all land conveyance bills, before being considered by a House committee and reported to the House Floor, are to be subject to a memorandum from the Department of General Services, which indicates the present and proposed use of the property; consideration for the transfer; and the appraised value of the property.

Please be advised that I will keep your interests in mind should this legislation be considered by the House of Representatives. Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

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HB 11  
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May 5, 1997

Charles W. Schaaf, CIC  
President  
Loesel-Schaaf Insurance Agency, Inc.  
3537 West 12th Street  
Erie, PA 16505-3650

Dear Mr. Schaaf: - *Charles*

Thank you for your letter of support for HB 11. I always appreciate receiving letters from concerned individuals and/or business representatives.

As you may know, the issue of financial institutions and the business of insurance began with the following United States Supreme Court decisions. The United States Supreme Court decisions of, Nations Bank v. VALIC (1995) and Barnett Bank V. Nelson, (March 1996) interpreted the National Bank Act to say the sale of annuities was authorized and the National Bank Act preempted state statutes prohibiting financial institutions from selling insurance, respectively. The Commonwealth's Insurance Department in response to these court decisions announced their policy and procedures with regard to the sale of insurance/annuities by both national and state banks. In addition to the Insurance Department's action, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Banking provided authorization to state chartered banks, bank and trust companies, and savings banks that were located "... in any place the population of which does not exceed 5,000 inhabitants..." to sell insurance.

It is commendable that the Insurance Agents and the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania were able to cooperate in creating an bill that was acceptable to both, but unfortunate that the Pennsylvania banks were unwilling to participate in a these negotiations. HB 11 was referred to the House Insurance Committee in February. It has since been give its first consideration on the House floor and on April 17, 1997 re-referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

As evident by my co-sponsorship of HB 11, I support legislation that would regulate the business of insurance, especially with regards to the sale of insurance by financial institutions, and provide consumer protection to the citizens of the Commonwealth. HB 11 would not only authorize the Commonwealth to regulate

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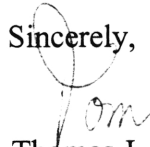


May 2, 1997  
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financial institutions participating in the business of insurance, but it would also require financial institutions to comply with licensing and appointment laws relevant to insurance. Additional regulations for financial institutions in the business of insurance are also enumerated in HB 11. It is the hope of myself and the other sponsors of HB 11 that this legislation provides adequate measures to assure safe business practices within the realm of the insurance business.

Thank you again for sharing with me your support for HB 11. I take great pride in being able to maintain a working relationship with my constituents and remain abreast of their concerns. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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February 17, 2004

Mr. Bob Mitchell  
Millcreek Township Officials  
3608 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Erie, PA 16506

Dear Mr. Mitchell: - *Bob,*

Thank you for contacting me to inquire about legislative efforts to increase premiums on foreign fire insurance for the purpose of providing funding for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Your thoughts and concerns on this important issue are greatly appreciated.

At this point in the current legislative session, no bills have been introduced to increase premiums on foreign fire insurance beyond the existing two percent. In addition, while funding is available under the Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Act for the training and certification of firefighters, funding is not currently set aside specifically for recruitment and retention efforts.

However, under Senate Resolution 60, which was passed in the General Assembly with my support, a bipartisan legislative commission was established to develop legislation to provide direct and indirect assistance for the purpose of improving the delivery of emergency services in the Commonwealth. Since this resolution declares that "the emergency services in this Commonwealth are being tasked to provide even greater levels of service with very limited resources," I certainly hope that the commission recommends that funding be approved for recruitment and retention efforts.

Under Senate Resolution 60, the commission is required to make a final report of all legislative recommendations by June 30, 2004. As a continued supporter of our emergency services organizations, I look forward to reviewing the commission's report and would be happy to share its recommendations with you.

Mr. Bob Mitchell  
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February 17, 2004

I hope this information is helpful to you. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me

Sincerely,

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August 28, 2003

Mr. Don Dodd  
Erie Redevelopment Authority  
120 South Center Street  
Corry, PA 16407

Dear Mr. Dodd: - *Don,*

Thank you for sharing with me your good idea regarding House Bill 113, Printer's Number 2125. This legislation, amending the Public School Code, is now back in the House Rules Committee after having been amended in the Senate.

As a result of our conversation I am having the following amendment prepared to the bill:

AMEND HOUSE BILL 113, PRINTER'S NUMBER 2125,  
PAGE 15, BY ADDING BETWEEN LINES 15 AND 16:

(c) All hours successfully completed in a training program established under this section shall be credited toward satisfaction of the requirements of any unpaid-community-service program that the school district has established as a prerequisite to graduation from high school.

I believe this will accomplish the purpose that we discussed. If you see any "loopholes," however, please let me know as quickly as possible. Of course this bill is a part of the governor's education-reform package and may or may not be acted on in the immediate future. If and when it is, however, I will do everything possible to have this language added to it.

I do appreciate your coming to me with this proposal. It really does make sense for all concerned, especially if it helps in firefighter recruitment. Please feel free to contact me again at anytime that I can be of assistance to you. As always, your views and opinions are welcomed and remembered.

Sincerely yours,

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