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October 26, 1995

Mr. David E. Zuern, President
Northwest Pennsylvania
PNC Bank, N.A.
Box 8480
Erie, PA 16553

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding House Bill 1926. It is important that I know the issues which most concern the Erie region. By sharing your perspective with me, I am better able to serve you. As a professional in the industry, your concerns on this particular piece of legislation are appreciated.

I do believe that House Bill 1926, like any other bill, should contain elements which are equitable to all those whom it will affect. As the banking industry played a significant role in the development of this bill, its passage would obviously well serve the industry. The key at this point is to focus on how this legislation would affect consumers. With that said, please know that if this bill should come before the full House of Representatives, I will most assuredly keep your thoughts in mind.

If there is anything else I may do for you on this or any other matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. Again, I thank you for expressing and sharing your concerns.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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

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September 26, 1995

The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
House of Representatives
P.O. Box 202020
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

RE: Corrective Legislation on Sheriff Fees (H.B. 1926)

Dear Tom:

I am writing to ask for your support of House Bill 1926 which we believe will be reported from the Judiciary Committee on October 3. As you may know, this issue revolves from a 1993 Court decision which held that a creditor executing against real estate of a debtor must pay sheriff's "poundage" assessed as a percentage of the entire writ instead of the amount recovered or credited as had been the practice.

The banking industry is not opposed to sheriffs' recovering the actual costs they incur but does not believe that sheriffs and counties should be realizing a substantial windfall on such sales at the expense of banks who are attempting to recover loans made in good faith.

Our industry seeks fairness. The sheriffs "want it all" and do not even want to meet to develop a reasonable compromise. Since they do not wish to be reasonable, the banking industry must push for enactment of H.B. 1926.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me personally. Thank you for your consideration of this matter of importance to our industry.

Sincerely,



David E. Zuern

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March 25, 2002

Mr. & Mrs. John M. Sitnik

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Corry, PA 16407

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sitnik::

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding House Bill 2345, known as the Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act to provide a dedicated funding source.

As you may know, this bill was re-referred to the House Rules Committee March 11, 2002. Please know that when this bill comes before the House of Representatives for a vote, I will certainly keep your views in mind.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

Scrimenti, Tom

From: John M. Sitnik [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2002 10:52 PM
To: Scrimenti, Tom
Subject: Support Growing Greener Programs

John M. Sitnik
[REDACTED]
Corry, PA 16407-7217

March 6, 2002

The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
324 Main Capitol, Box 202020
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

The Honorable Rep. Scrimenti:

Please support dedicated funding for Growing Greener programs by raising the tipping fee on waste disposal in the Commonwealth. Growing Greener programs have protected and restored our natural resources while generating over 139.5 million in funds for the 96.6 million given by the state. Increasing tipping fees on all wastes disposed in Pennsylvania from two dollars per ton to seven dollars per ton will generate between \$125 to \$135 million new dollars per year. This proposal would annually generate about \$125 million dollars per year for conservation work. Since most of the trash comes from out-of-state sources, most of the revenue for this program will be generated from out of state. The average household produces about a ton of waste per year, therefore, Pennsylvanians would only have to pay an about \$5 dollars per household per year. The amount of out-of-state municipal waste disposed at Pennsylvania facilities has been and will continue to grow rapidly as the infamous Freshkill landfill closes. The bill would help to reverse this trend by discouraging out-of-state waste disposal in Pennsylvania.

Securing dedicated funding for Growing Greener will ensure a reliable funding streams for conservation projects. Increasing the tipping fee would also be a fiscally responsible way to address filling the gap in funding to conservation projects. Please support dedicated funding for

Growing Greener by voting in favor of HB 2345, an amendment to the Environmental Stewardship Fund on Tuesday, March 12.

Sincerely, John & Jennifer Sitnik

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May24, 2002

David A. Skellie, Director
Erie County Department of Planning
Erie County Courthouse
140 West 6th Street, Room 119
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Mr. Skellie: - *Dave,*

Thank you very much for your letter in support of increasing the solid waste tipping fee to provide dedicated funding for environmental and downtown revitalization programs. I truly appreciate having the benefit of your views regarding this important issue, and I welcome this opportunity to respond.

This legislation would raise the tipping fee by \$5 per ton, and dedicate the funding for Growing Greener and a range of downtown revitalization and historic preservation programs. As a matter of clarification, Representative Harper's House Bill 2345 does not address the Penn's Woods/Penn's Streets proposal, but would raise the tipping fee by \$5 per ton dedicating the funding to Growing Greener.

Please find attached a copy of House Bill 2500, sponsored by Rep. David Levdansky. I am very pleased to be a co-sponsor of this bill, which is similar to the yet to be introduced Penn's Woods/Penn's Streets proposal in many respects. The legislation would raise the tipping fee by \$5 per ton, and dedicate 70% of the money to Growing Greener, 20% to downtown revitalization programs, and 10% for the Wild Resources Conservation Fund, and infrastructure projects for the Fish Commission and the Game Commission. The downtown component includes the programs mentioned in your letter: Main Street Program, Elm Street Program and the Historic Homesite Grant Program. These are all important investments in our future that I believe the Commonwealth can and should make.

Thank you again for your letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if I can be of additional assistance on this or any other issue.

Sincerely,

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January 8, 1999

Mr. Robert H. Ploehn, President
Economic Development Corporation of Erie County
2103 East 33rd Street
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Mr. Ploehn: - *Bob,*

Thank you for the recent letter regarding the Small Business First Fund. I certainly appreciate your support and input on this matter. I fully understand the significance of this resource not only to our region, but also to the Commonwealth as a whole.

It is my privilege to dispatch the good news to you that Senate Bill 1013 (authorization for the aforementioned loans) has, in fact, not only passed both chambers of the General Assembly, but was signed into law (Act 100 of 1998) by Governor Ridge on November 17, 1998.

Act 100 of 1998 will transfer funds from the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority to the Small Business First Program thereby making available low interest loans (2%) to those businesses in need. This tool will provide access and opportunity to many business entities previously unable to meet their financial demands.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me. If there is anything else I may do for you with this or any other matter, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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May 3, 2000

Gordon Gebhardt

[REDACTED]
Erie, Pennsylvania 16505

Dear Mr. Gebhardt:

Thank you for sharing with me the smoking prevention proposals of the American Respiratory Alliance of Northwestern Pennsylvania (ARA). I agree that prevention is an essential component that must be included in our efforts to combat smoking and its harmful effects.

There have been several public hearings, forums and meetings across the Commonwealth, in the past year, that have explored how to utilize the money Pennsylvania receives from the Tobacco Settlement. I am pleased to see that the House and Senate Democrats and the Governor's proposals, for use of the settlement monies, recognize the need to fund public health initiatives dedicated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Additional proposals to improve access, expand health care coverage, and promote health research, in order to provide better treatment of the many illnesses caused by smoking, have also been proposed.

Unfortunately, the Governor's proposal only earmarks 15% of the settlement funds for tobacco cessation and prevention programs. I was hopeful that we would be able to utilize more of this money to fund these types of programs. As you know, the primary goal of tobacco cessation and control programs are to reduce the use of tobacco by products, thereby reducing tobacco-related disease, disability and death. Programs like this are aimed at having a straightforward, quit-smoking approach and, in turn, help smokers understand and deal with smoking as a chemical addiction, habit and a psychological dependency.

Further, education is the best defense to keep people from becoming self-destructive, which we should have learned historically, with Prohibition in the 20's and with the current "war on drugs" that we are losing. Study after study has shown that if teens and young adults can be educated about the long-term effects of cigarettes, they are unlikely to smoke later in life. After these types of programs are amply funded, more money can

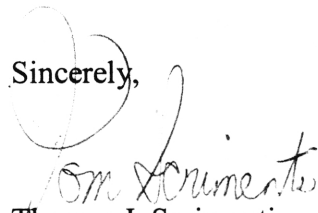
be earmarked for helping to provide health insurance for under-employed Pennsylvanians and to support medical research and other public health initiatives.

The fine work ARA and programs like yours have done in curbing smoking is evident in the declining sales of tobacco products. The unfortunate irony, however, is that Pennsylvania's third payment from the tobacco settlement is \$28 million less than projected due to the effectiveness of smoking cessation programs, advertisements and higher cigarette taxes. It is currently projected that annually our receipts from the settlement could be 10% less than originally expected.

I am proud of my longstanding support of ARA and your ideals and goals. I look forward to continuing our working relationship to fight for a smoke-free, healthier way of life! With your coalition's hard work and support, we can accomplish this task.

Again, I thank you for sharing your proposals with me. As we continue through this process, I am hopeful that we can carve out more funds for smoking prevention and cessation programs.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative