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June 18, 2024

Re: HB 315 – New Community Authority (NCA)

Chairman Edwards, Vice Chair LaRae, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Finance Committee, on behalf of Howland Township, we would like to offer our support of HB315, the Township Omnibus Bill.

As a limited home rule Township, the ability to craft and execute the New Community Authority at our level of government provides us another tool in the toolbox to promote collaborative growth efforts tailored to the direct needs of our community and to address potential economic development activities. Collaboration – not competition – lies at the heart of effective governance and provides the opportunity to improve local partnerships among government entities, community organizations, businesses, and residents alike.

I urge you to continue championing the cause of direct community empowerment and collaboration, recognizing the immense value of the New Community Authority and the ability of Howland Township to make these decisions at our level of government.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to serving our communities.

Sincerely,

Matthew Vansuch

Howland Township Trustee
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