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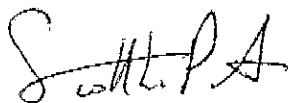
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee for the opportunity to speak in support of H. B. 105. My name is Scott Porter and I am the Chairman of the Pultney Township Board of Trustees from Belmont County. I am here today to express our hope that this Bill will bring some of the Severance Tax Dollars back to the Townships. This funding from the severance tax is needed for our infrastructure upgrades. Passage of H.B. 105 and returning this revenue to the areas that have seen increased traffic on our township roads due to the Exploration and Installation of Gas & Oil Wells along with Pipeline Projects, Pultney Township would not have to earmark general fund revenue that was previously used for other projects and needs in the township to be used for additional road maintenance due to the increased Oil & Gas Activity. One such area would be Cemetery Maintenance which took a hit with cuts to LGF years prior. Economic Development and Property Values will increase with additional revenue available for our Property Maintenance Code Enforcement.

In conclusion, Passage of H.B.105 and returning the Severance Tax back to the areas from which it was produced will allow our local entities the opportunity to provide additional needed service to our constituents. I again thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of H.B. 105

Sincerely,



Scott L. Porter