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Board of Supervisors
Marion Township
420 Water Street
Stouchsburg, PA 19567

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Please let this correspondence indicate that I fully support your efforts on behalf of the residents of Marion Township to seek and, hopefully, obtain grant funding for the Act 537 Sewer Project. I understand that Marion Township is currently obligated to design and construct a public sewer system that will serve a portion of the Township under an Order of Consent issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Although I do not reside at a property that must connect, this Act 537 Sewer Project obviously impacts me as a resident of Marion Township or a nearby jurisdiction. Specifically, this is because _____

I strongly support the efforts of the Board of Supervisors to obtain grant funding for the Act 537 Sewer Project because the Township does not otherwise have the financial means to comply with Order of Consent. As the Board of Supervisors appreciates, the Township is a quaint, rural, and agricultural community, and thus lacks the lucrative commercial and industrial business and development that exists to our east and west. Consequently, the Township's tax base of approximately \$600,000 annually is generated primarily from farmers and other residents who live on a fixed income. Therefore, without significant grant funding, I do not know how the Township and its residents can afford the Act 537 Project estimated to cost \$11,000,000.00.

Without significant grant funding, I am gravely worried that my neighbors may be forced to sell their properties and abandon the Township, which is part of the area that we all call home, because they will not be able to foot this bill. As such, I fully support your efforts on behalf of the residents of Marion Township to seek and, hopefully, obtain grant funding for the Act 537 Sewer Project. We can all agree that we deserve a safe, healthy, and affordable community, and so I remain hopeful that significant grant funding will be awarded to Marion Township for the Act 537 Sewer Project, which benefits Marion Township, its surrounding municipalities, Berks County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a whole.

Thank you for considering my perspective. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information provided below.

Regards,

Sign: _____

Name:

Address:

Phone Number: