

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE MAJORITY
POLICY COMMITTEE,

HEARING ON LEGISLATURE REDISTRICTING

AS I AM THE FINAL PRESENTOR THIS AFTERNOON, I WILL
BE BRIEF.

REGARDING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE CURRENT
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, ENJOYED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF
SHALER, NOT WITHSTANDING THE GOALS SET BY THE
COMMUNITY CHARGE WITH A RESPONSIBILITY OF
REDISTRICTING. ONE OF ITS LISTED GOALS WAS TO NOT
DIVIDE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, HOWEVER, WITH THE
CURRENT STATE OF THE MAP, THEY ARE IN FACT DIVIDING
THE SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BY OPTING ETNA
BOROUGH INTO A DIFFERENT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, INTO
THE 33RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

UNDER THE CURRENT MAP, SHALER TOWNSHIP IS BEING
SEPARATED FROM ITS SYNERGISTIC RELATIONSHIPS
ALONG THE ROUTE 8 ECONOMIC CORRIDOR.

ADDITIONALLY, IT IS BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM THE
COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE UP THE NORTH HILLS COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS AND WE ARE PARTICULARLY
CONCERNED THAT WE ARE BEING REMOVED FROM OUR

RELATIONSHIPS WITH ENTERPRISE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE FORGED AT THE RECOMMENDATION AT THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE TOWNSHIP IS INVOLVED WITH HAMPTON TOWNSHIP IN THE HAMPTON SHALER WATER AUTHORITY THAT HAS OVER 60,000 CUSTOMERS, SERVING 6 MUNICIPALITIES.

ADDITIONALLY, THE TOWNSHIP IS BEING SEPARATED FROM ITS RELATIONSHIP ALSO WITH HAMPTON AS THE TOWNSHIP HAS DEVELOPPED THE SHALER HAMPTON EMS, SERVING HAMPTON, SHALER AND ETNA.

BY FORCING SHALER INTO A SEPARATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, IT IS DIVIDING THE EFFORTS OF THOSE MUNICIPALITIES PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES TO ITS RESIDENTS.

FINALLY, SHALER IS BEING PLACED IN A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT THAT WILL OBVIOUSLY, ULTIMATLY HAVE ITS OFFICES LOCATED IN THE LAWRENCEVILLE AREA. TWENTY THREE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF SHALER TOWNSHIP IS SENIOR CITIZENS. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THOSE CITIZENS WILL WANT TO CROSS THE RIVER AND PARALLEL PARK IN AN URBANIZED DISTRICT WHEN THEY ARE USED TO A SUBURBAN

SERVICE. THIS IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US AS THE SENIOR CITIZENS ARE THE HIGHEST USERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE. IM CONCERNED THAT BY HAVING SHALER TIED TO THE CITY, THIS WILL REDUCE THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR SENIOR CITIZENS AND MINIMIZE THE POLITICAL AND JOINT MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEVELOPED IN THE CURRENT 30TH DISTRICT.