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The Honorable Martin Causer
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RE: 2020 Proposed Redistricting Map

Dear Representative Causer:

The Upper Allen Township Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Preliminary Reapportionment Plan and considered its impact on the residents of our Township. The Preliminary Reapportionment Plan moves Upper Allen Township (pop. 23,198) and Ward 1-3 (pop. 9,326) of Mechanicsburg Borough out of the 88th District to the 87th District. In a reciprocal move, Hampden Township (pop. 32,778) was moved from the 87th District to the 88th District. The Board of Commissioners feels that Upper Allen Township and the entire Borough of Mechanicsburg should remain in the 88th District.

The moves in the Preliminary Reapportionment Plan disrupts longstanding communities with overlapping services and institutions. Upper Allen Township and Mechanicsburg Borough share a school district (Mechanicsburg Area School District), multiple mutual aid agreements, proximity, youth sports leagues, a library, community pool and a regional recreation department. Conversely, Hampden Township is being split from its neighbor, Silver Spring Township, where it shares a school district (Cumberland Valley School District), a library and multiple mutual aid agreements.

In addition to the community relationships with Mechanicsburg Borough, the Township has an intergovernmental agreement related to wastewater treatment with our other neighbor, Lower Allen Township. Upper Allen Township has an ownership share in the Lower Allen Township Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant's capacity. The shared wastewater treatment plant handles 65% of all Upper Allen Township sewerage flows. Additionally, the shared border has both Townships working together to manage the infrastructure related to the Upper Allen Business Park and the Rossmoyne Business Park, both of which are home to warehouses and businesses that are major employers in the area.

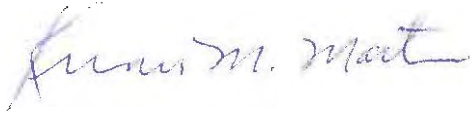
While we cannot speak for the citizens of Hampden Township, we feel comfortable in stating that our residents value the community and partnerships fostered with Mechanicsburg Borough and Lower Allen Township over the past decades. Our citizens share similar regional concerns and interests, which would be diluted through dividing their voices and moving them away from their elected representative.

It is our request that Upper Allen Township and Wards 1-3 of Mechanicsburg Borough remain in the 88th District and Hampden Township remain in the 87th District. The shift of these municipalities would be roughly equal in population and have a limited impact on the overall numbers in the 87th and 88th Districts. The population of Upper Allen Township and Wards 1-3 of Mechanicsburg Borough is 32,524 and the population of Hampden Township is 32,778, a difference of only 254. The requested solution would help preserve existing communities and partnerships, while falling in line with the stated requirements of Article II of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

The Board of Commissioners would welcome the chance to discuss our request in greater detail or answer any questions you or your committee may have. We can be reached through the Township Manager, Scott Fraser, at sfraser@uatwp.org or via phone at 717-766-0756.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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