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It's a new year, and time for ALL members of Luzerne County Council to actually honor the Preamble for *truth, accountability and openness*...and undertake a contract of *public trust and integrity*.

To have a *secret closed* e-mail portal system for deciding how to disperse the remaining \$96 million in American Rescue Plan dollars does NOT instill public trust. This is your opportunity to become transparent and open with the public about dispersing this money, which is essentially *our taxpayer* money. To do otherwise, leaves us to surmise your backdoor deals. We have a right to know who voted for which organizations, and how much each will receive.

Further, it is an affront especially to seniors **AND** the working poor of this County to not give them a helping hand when they are *ineligible* for assistance from most other *organizations*, and you have the funds to do so. This is your one opportunity to save face and actually do something *for the people*. Have you noticed how many citizens can barely afford to heat their homes this Winter much less afford property taxes --- or are you too far removed from the people you were elected to represent? Have a conscience for Heaven's sake and *act* like you actually care about Luzerne County taxpayers.

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