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Public Comment from Robyn & Walter Kochan of Dallas Twp. for 1/24/2023 Luzerne County Council Meeting to be read audibly and entered into the record

AGENDA ITEMS

5:30PM Proposed Ordinance – Placing a Government Study Commission Question on the May 16, 2023 Primary Municipal Election Ballot and Designating the Number of Members to Service on Said Commission

As admitted by many Council members, the current Home Rule Charter is not working in that there are several areas of contradiction and confusion over areas of responsibility. While we prefer clarity and actually supported the change from a 3 Commissioner system to County Council, this has not been efficient or the best governing.

We also see “studies” as a continuation of passing the buck and stalling. Asking *the people* what they want first and then possibly commissioning a study to best implement that choice would waste less time and money **AND** address *the desires of the public*. It could easily be done by placing these 3 questions on the May 2023 election ballot:

1. Do you prefer remaining with the current Home Rule Charter consisting of 11 Council Members in Luzerne County?
2. Do you prefer improving and revising the current Home Rule Charter in Luzerne County?
3. Do you prefer Luzerne County returning to a 3 Commissioner government?

Truth is always the strongest argument.

~ Sophocles

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