**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS Feb. 9, 2021 VOTING SESSION**

Dear Chairman McGinley,

I am writing once again with my concern about the makeup of the committee members of the Legislative Committee of the Luzerne County Council. My concern is the very partisan nature of the group with all three committee members from one political party (all Republican) recommending the changes needed to our county election process. In reading the bylaws of the L.C. Council it appears that you can make changes in committee assignments. (see excerpt from by laws below.)

Would it be possible to assign additional committee members from the Democratic party or replace one with a Democrat to create a more fair and bi-partisan balance? This certainly would give the committee more credibility.

Rule 10B: Chair to Appoint Committees

Not later than the second Regular Council Meeting following each Organizational Meeting, the Council Chair shall appoint the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Members of each standing committee. The Chair is encouraged to, the best extent possible, make committee assignments that reflect the interests and experience of Members. Committee assignments shall be for a term of one year, but changes in assignments may be made at other times at the discretion of the Chair, with the provision that each standing committee shall have no fewer than three (3) members. Each Council member shall serve on at least one committee.

Sincerely,

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