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Dear Luzerne County Council,

As a resident of Wright Township, Luzerne County, I am writing to request that you do not honor any request now or in the future by the Luzerne County's Flood Protection Authority about restructuring the way levee protection is funded in lower Luzerne County for those who live by the river and those who do not.

I suggest if funds are needed grants from the state and federal government be sought, not demanded from residents who aren't effected by flooding along the Susqueshanna River.

I understand that the request they are going to make is that Richard Adams wants all county residents to share the cost of levee protection, rather than just property owners in a designated floodplain in portions of 12 municipalities.

The levee protection fee is currently being paid by property owners in the floodplain.

Any municipaltiy's resident who chose to live in a flood plain and has flood insurance is not the responsibility of those of us who do not live near the Susquehanna River, especially those of us who live in Fairview, Wright, Rice, Dorrance, Slocum Townships and Nuangola Borough that comprises the CDP--Census Designated Population of Mountain Top.

It should also not include any other areas of Southern Luzerne County that live in a mountainous area.

It makes no sense to make the above mentioned municipalities, and any municipality's residents who don't live in a flood plain pay for those who choose to live in a flood plain. I understand that in some circumstances that is not always possible.

Richard Adams' reasoning comparing flood protection to the maintenance and repair of county-owned roads makes no sense. He may be correct that all taxes paid by all county property owners pay for county roads, even though they only run through some of the county's municipalities doesn't hold weight.

The river does NOT run through mountainous areas of the county, and I am sure if you did a survey of all county residents, you would find that those of us who live in these areas do so in order to not be effected by Susquehanna River flooding and/or high flood protection insurance.

In closing, I reiterate my request to not even consider this request by the LCFPA

A further request is to use all possible available funding to fix our county roads before you choose to use any funds to replace the West Nantiocke Bridge

Sincerely,

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Wright Township

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