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Cover Letter in Big Bold Letters(Problems and Solutions)

**PROBLEMS ... AND ...SOLUTIONS**

(Second page) Good evening acting Manager Crocamo, Mr Robertson and members of Council:

The Peoples Committee would like to highlight issues that we believe must be addressed and brought to a successful resolution.

1.The Opioid epidemic:

Luzerne County is 3rd out of 67 Penna. Counties for young people dying here from drug overdoses caused by Fentanyl and Poly drug combinations.

Over the past 5 years over 1000 Luzerne County young people have died, a community cannot sustain these losses and still remain viable.

Solution: Please work with the District Attorney and properly utilize the approximately 24 Million dollars that will be soon be arriving from the Opioid settlement for a workable solution. . the People's committee has suggestions.

2.Road and Bridge disrepair

It has been documented and a packet is in your Possession comprised by many Citizens highlighting many unsafe County roads. Solution: ARP and Infrastructure funds can be used.

3.Property Tax reform:

Reduction of taxes for Senior citizens.

Solution: Mr. Robertson should be able to find waste in the current 157 million dollar budget and also find sources of new revenue to apply for the Seniors tax reduction. Our Seniors should not lose their homes because the County wastes taxpayers dollars or is not innovative enough to find new revenue sources. The People's committee has suggestions.

4. Lack of Affordable Housing:

A shortage of affordable housing in rentals and mortgage homes is now reaching epidemic proportions. Our rapidly increasing working population cannot find homes for their families.

Solution: The Luzerne County Housing Authority can lead the way by presenting their proposal to Council for the proper utilization of ARP funds, along with State and Federal HUD grants and by forming a partnership with private industry and possibly Earth Conservancy to give working families hope that Luzerne County offers a decent quality of life for their families.

Council members, please designate these serious problems to the respective Council Committees for consideration and resolution.

Thank You

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