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Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Comments for May 25 County Council Meeting Regarding Resolution Declaring Luzerne County a Second Amendment County
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Please forward these comments to all members of Luzerne County Council in regard to scheduled vote on resolution to declare Luzerne County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

Members of the Luzerne County Council,

My wife and I are both opposed to the proposed resolution and urge the Council to vote to not pass this resolution.

1. We believe the proposal is unnecessary since most if not all law enforcement officers and elected officials in the County take a solemn oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
2. We believe that if passed, the resolution can send conflicting messages to law enforcement regarding the enforcement of current and future State and Federal laws and regulations. For example, would this resolution somehow be interpreted as a signal to law enforcement agencies to not enforce any “red flag law” or conditions of a court mandated restraining orders that require removal of firearms from a County citizen?
3. Why should Luzerne County establish a sanctuary for one of the ten Bill of Rights? What does this say about all of the other rights? Are those rights not as important to the County as those written in the Second Amendment? From our perspective, it does indicate bias toward the Second Amendment.
4. Lastly, this feels political. This country is plagued with far too much violence involving the use of firearms. At some point, it is our hope that the Citizens of this country can come together to at least reduce the number of senseless killings involving firearms. In order for that forum to occur there needs to be equal access to the podium for citizens to express their opinions. Passage of this resolution can be viewed as “prohibiting the free exercise” of those with differing opinions on the use of firearms and getting in the way of their rights to “petition the Government for a redress of grievances” as guaranteed in the First Amendment to the US Constitution.

Please vote to **NOT approve** the resolution to declare Luzerne County a Second Amendment Sanctuary.

Thank you,

David Walsh and Julie Lloyd-Walsh

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