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Matthew Vough, Luzerne County Council

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Dear Matt,

I am writing this letter to you regarding the small business grant awards, a.k.a. Luzerne County Covid 19 Grant Program. I realize people love to complain but, too often, slow to praise or compliment. I want to thank you and the council members who voted for and their handling of the small business grants. I was awarded one of the county grants and want you to know how it was spent.

Prior to the pandemic , I was scheduling and pricing updated to my 93 year old business; however, when the pandemic broke, all projects were put on hold. After receiving the grant, I was confident in beginning a \$25,000 project for sum much needed updates. The updates are including, but not limited to, masonry, new air conditioning, signage, new doors, lighting, a new computer system and an additional office. The new office will result in the creation of another job. I am happy to say, "every cent" of this grant is being spent at locally owned and operated Luzerne County Businesses.

In closing, it is so refreshing , in these politically divided times, to have a county council who sees the big picture and is making a difference in meeting the needs of the entire county, regardless of political affiliation.

Sincerely,

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