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November 12, 2019

Governor Tom Wolf  
508 Main Capital Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

We, the undersigned members of Luzerne County Council, strongly urge you to reconsider the closing of the State Correctional Institution at Retreat (“SCI-Retreat”) in Luzerne County.

SCI-Retreat currently houses approximately 1,057 inmates and employs approximately 384 full-time employees. The closure of SCI-Retreat would have a devastating economic impact on Luzerne County and the families of the individuals employed at SCI-Retreat. Our Council Members have listened to the concerns of our constituents who voiced their opposition to the closure and respect and support their opinion.

Since the closure of SCI-Retreat was proposed again in August of this year, State Senators Lisa Baker, John Yudichak and John Gordner vowed to utilize all options available to them to oppose and fight the closure of SCI-Retreat. We support their efforts in opposing the closure of SCI-Retreat.

On behalf of the employees of SCI-Retreat, their families who depend on their incomes, the citizens of Luzerne County, and all those affected by the closure of SCI-Retreat, we thank you for your consideration of our input.

Sincerely,

The Luzerne County Council  
(Signature Page Attached)

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Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019 by the Luzerne County Council:

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