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October 26, 2017

James Russell  
Email: [refundresources@gmail.com](mailto:refundresources@gmail.com)  
RE: RTK Request # 17-192

Dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for writing to Luzerne County with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know law. My email is [Jackie.Carroll@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Jackie.Carroll@luzernecounty.org).

On October 25, 2017, the Luzerne County Office of Law received a request for documents from you described in the attached Right to Know request. Your request is granted.

Attached to this correspondence is the information you requested.

Had your request been denied, you would have a right to appeal this denial of information in writing to Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone building, 400 North Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

If you choose to file an appeal for any reason, you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of the agency's response. Section 1101. If you have further questions, please contact me. Please be advised this correspondence will serve to close this request with our office as permitted by law.

Very truly yours,

JACQUELINE MUSTO CARROLL, ESQUIRE  
Luzerne County – Open Records Officer  
200 North River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

**From:** James Russell [mailto:refundresources@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:01 PM

**To:** Beers, Laura <Laura.Beers@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** Tax Sale

Greetings,

This email communication is a formal request for a copy of your county's "excess funds list," which I believe is maintained by your department. In case of any confusion, the excess funds to which I am referring are those arising in the case of a bid over the amount of property taxes owed at tax sale. I am only looking for uncollected surplus funds on unredeemed properties.

The information I need from the records is the tax sale date, owner's name, either the property address or owner's mailing address, and the amount of surplus funds due the owner. If you have these records in electronic format, I'd prefer the information that way. Otherwise, please let me know how much a hard copy of your list will be, and where and to whom to mail the check.

If you do not maintain a list of these surplus amounts, any advice on how I could collect that information from existing files you have would be very much appreciated!

If I have reached the wrong department, I would very much appreciate this email being forwarded to the correct department, with a carbon copy sent to me.

If there is anything I can do to aid or expedite the process, please let me know, as I'm eager to do whatever I can to make your job easier.

Thanks in advance,

James Russell

717-421-9082

Email: [refundresources@gmail.com](mailto:refundresources@gmail.com)

P.S. Although I know most everyone in your office is likely familiar with the tax and public records access code, for quick reference and to allay any possible confusion about whether it may be permissible to allow the public inspection of the records, I've copied pertinent excerpts of (state you're working state code below). Thanks again.

"Right to Know Act" 67.701 Access