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January 20, 2021

Honorable Diana Irey Vaughan  
Honorable Larry Maggi  
Honorable Nick Sherman

RE: Open Letter LSA Revised Committee Procedures

Commissioners,

I understand that substantial changes to the LSA award selection process were discussed [where or by whom] on August 18, 2020. Upon inquiry as to actions taken, it was my understanding that the Chairman had sent out, or was going to send out, an email to Committee Members that suggested public hearings be live streamed; conflicts of interest would be better disclosed; and roll call votes would be taken. To my knowledge, however, no public announcements to that affect were ever made announcing the changes. That prompted my letter November 13, 2020 (attached) and specifically requested the following:

- A copy of any updates and changes that were suggested over the summer.
- An indication as to whether any of these changes have been implemented.
- An indication of whether you intend to implement any of these changes prior to this year's selection and awards process begins?

As stated in my previous communication "In our Country's current environment of our constituents demanding fair, accountable and transparent Government, I believe the people of Washington County would welcome such changes. In fact, this may be the perfect time to close the Trust Gap, to make such updates and changes to our LSA selection procedures."

I would like for us (i.e. county officials and legislators from Washington County) to work cooperatively on these reforms and am available to meet with you in person or via telephone to discuss ideas to make the Washington County LSA program more open, transparent, fair and equitable to all residents of the county.

Until then, I remain...

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bud Cook'.

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Bud Cook, PA State Representative