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Honorable Gene Yaw Senate Box 203023 362 Main Capitol Bldg. Harrisburg, PA 17120-3023

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Dear Chairmen Yaw, Yudichak, Hutchinson and Teplitz:

The Lycoming County commissioners are pleased to share the positive impacts of Act 13 of 2012, or the natural gas drilling impact fee, in our county and county government.

Lycoming County has acted as a good steward and wise investor of these impact fee dollars based on studies our Planning and Community Development Department conducted to identify and prioritize needs. To date, Lycoming County has invested \$4.7 million of impact funds to realize 35 projects in the community whose total value exceeds \$89.3 million. We have leveraged these dollars to achieve nearly \$18.84 of value for each \$1 we invest.

The impact fee helps us meet crucial needs within the county, including public safety, transportation, affordable housing, water and sewer, conservation efforts, and more.

Public safety infrastructure, training and equipment needs are being addressed. Road, rail and other transportation improvements are being made, while a new Williamsport Regional Airport terminal will be built. A comprehensive strategy to address affordable housing needs has been undertaken. Water and sewer needs of municipalities, authorities, organizations and businesses are being met. Locally led conservation efforts have been boosted, such as environmental education, agricultural projects and stream improvements. Community parks are experiencing

much-needed improvements. All of this and more has been made possible by the impact fee funding.

We hope this funding continues, as we will use these dollars in the best way possible to help meet the needs of our great county.

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