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April 5, 2023

To: Ron Grutza and PSAB Resolution and Policy Steering Committee

From: Abbottstown Borough

Re: Resolution to support HB794 and similar legislation

Greetings from Adams County,

At their regularly scheduled meeting on April 20th, Abbottstown Borough Council will propose and adopt a resolution to support Rep. Torren Ecker's HB794. This is in direct response to actual events that are costing our local volunteer fire departments more in auditing fees due to state regulations, as reported by our fire department at their annual meeting last week. A synopsis of the bill follows. We ask that a placeholder be made for this resolution to be considered by the PSAB Resolution and Policy Steering Committee. Thank you.

HB794 - Further providing for definitions, for registration of charitable organizations, financial reports, fees and failure to file, for registration of professional solicitors, contract and disclosure requirements, bonds, records and books and for administrative enforcement and penalties.

Synopsis: Amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), entitled "An act providing for the registration and regulation of solicitations by charitable organizations, professional fundraisers and other solicitors; imposing additional powers on the Department of State and the Office of Attorney General; prescribing civil and criminal penalties; and making a repeal," further providing for definitions, for registration of charitable organizations, financial reports, fees and failure to file, for registration of professional solicitors, contract and disclosure requirements, bonds, records and books and for administrative enforcement and penalties.

Status: In Committee.

Gratefully,



Dr. David W. Bolton, PhD, MBA, CBO
Borough Manager

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ABBOTTSTOWN,
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
SUPPORTING LEGISLATION CREATING RELIEF FOR PENNSYLVANIA
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNING AUDIT REQUIREMENTS.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04

WHEREAS Abbottstown Borough was presented an annual report by the United Hook and Ladder Co. #33, which provides fire protection to the borough residents; and

WHEREAS borough officials learned that there are significantly increased costs to volunteer fire departments in the requirement of more detailed audits when they have utilized a 3rd party provider for supplying supplies such as printed tickets; and


WHEREAS Representative Torren Ecker has presented HB794 to amend the statutes creating these disproportionate unfunded mandates to our volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Abbottstown supports HB794 and calls upon the Representatives and Senators in Harrisburg to co-sponsor, support, and pass this much-needed relief to our volunteer organizations.

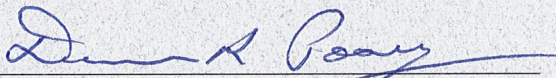
RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Abbottstown this 20th Day of April 2023.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF ABBOTTSTOWN



Dr. David W. Bolton, PhD, MBA
Borough Secretary



Dennis R. Posey, Council President

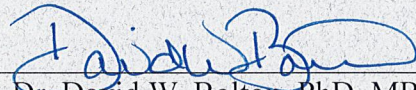
CERTIFICATE

2023-04

I, the undersigned officer of the Borough of Abbottstown, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved by majority vote of the entire Council at a meeting duly convened according to law and held on April 20, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present; said Resolution has been recorded in the minutes of said Council; and said Resolution remains in effect, unaltered and unamended, as of the date of this Certificate.

I further certify that the Borough of Abbottstown met the advance notice requirements of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. Cons. Stat. §701 et seq., by advertising the time and place of said meeting and by posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the principal office of the Borough or at the public building in which said meeting was held.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Borough of Abbottstown this 20th Day of April 2023.



Dr. David W. Bolton, PhD, MBA
Secretary

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