Hopewell Township
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Resolution in Support of Restore Pennsylvania, A $4.5 billion Infrastructure Improvement Plan

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania must position its communities for success and position itself as a leader in the 21st century by investing in critical infrastructure needs that for too long have been neglected.

WHEREAS, To help build a better future for all Pennsylvanians, Restore Pennsylvania will invest $4.5 billion over the next four-years in significant, high-impact projects throughout the commonwealth to help catapult Pennsylvania ahead of every state in the country in terms of technology, development, and infrastructure.

WHEREAS, Restore Pennsylvania will provide funding to bridge the digital divide, supporting the installation of infrastructure to bring high-speed internet to communities across the commonwealth and making Pennsylvania a better place to work, do business, and live.

WHEREAS, Restore Pennsylvania will provide funding to assist individuals who suffer severe weather-related losses and funding to help communities prepare for flooding and severe weather, upgrade flood walls and levees, replace high-hazard dams, and conduct stream restoration and maintenance.

WHEREAS, Restore Pennsylvania will address blight by providing financial resources to local communities to establish land banks and acquire and demolish blighted buildings in order to create new development opportunities or provide new green space.

WHEREAS, Restore Pennsylvania will fund expanded efforts to remove lead and other contaminants from communities.

WHEREAS, Restore Pennsylvania will enable new environmental projects and new recreational opportunities across the commonwealth, including infrastructure and maintenance in state parks, local water quality improvements on farms, and funding for new hiking, biking and trail projects.

WHEREAS, Restore Pennsylvania will help to build manufacturing facilities and other downstream businesses while helping businesses and individuals use more of Pennsylvania's natural gas in their homes, creating jobs, lowering costs, and improving energy efficiency.

WHEREAS, Restore Pennsylvania will provide funding for local road and bridge upgrades, create new flexible funding options for businesses that need local infrastructure upgrades to enable development projects, and multimodal and large-scale capital projects for transit.

WHEREAS, Restore Pennsylvania projects will be driven by local input about local needs, and projects will be evaluated through a competitive process to ensure that high-priority, high-impact projects are funded and needs across Pennsylvania are met; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that ~~the~~ Hopewell Township hereby urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to support Restore Pennsylvania.

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