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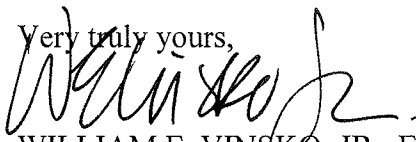
**RE: BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP
ACT 537**

Dear Attorney Cigan:

As you know, Bear Creek Township is working to complete its Act 537 Plan very shortly. In fact, most of the plan is complete and ready for submission to DEP. However, there remains a significant concern over the amount the residents are going to have to pay monthly, which is currently set at an estimated \$91.00 per month. Based on the research performed by the Board of Supervisors, that rate would easily be one of the highest, if not the highest, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Currently, our state legislature is unable to decide whom they will be representing, so requesting funding for the Township seems to be much less of a priority. We are looking to meet with DEP officials to discuss our current course of action and opportunities to proceed safely and in a fiscally responsible manner. We will make ourselves available at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM E. VINSKO, JR., ESQUIRE

cc: Board of Supervisors (via email)