

BOROUGH OF LIGONIER

TOWN HALL LIGONIER, PENNSYLVANIA 15658

June 30, 2021

To whom it may concern;

At the June 10, 2021 meeting Ligonier Borough adopted the enclosed Resolution in support of reforming the legislative and congressional redistricting process.

The adopting of this Resolution signifies that Ligonier Borough supports legislative efforts to ensure that the redistricting process in Pennsylvania is fair, transparent and adheres to the strict criteria that eliminates the possibility of partisan gerrymandering.

Sincerely,

Janette Shaw

Secretary-Treasurer

Ligonier Borough

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BOROUGH OF LIGONIER WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMONWEALTH OF PA Resolution 1 of 2021

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REFORMING THE LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the citizens of the <u>Borough</u> of <u>Ligonier</u> and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has at times resulted in gerrymandered districts that favor one political over others; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the creation of legislation establishing strict criteria for congressional and state legislative redistricting process will: ensure a fair, transparent, and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions; prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate; require the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries; require public input; and fully comply with the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary," and

WHEREAS, legislation to reform the decennial legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion is required to endure these reforms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the <u>Borough of Ligonier</u> does hereby support legislative efforts to ensure that the redistricting process in Pennsylvania is fair, transparent and adheres to strict criteria that eliminate the possibility of partisan gerrymandering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the <u>Borough of Ligonier</u> to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

ADOPTED this

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day of June, 2021

Council President

ATTEST:

Secretary-Treasurer