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January 15, 2021

Attorney General
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Via email: [REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED] Maiden Creek Township ACRE complaint.

Dear Mr. Willig:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 2020 regarding the above. The supervisors have asked me to respond. The email complaint from [REDACTED] does not identify the property under consideration but your letter refers to [REDACTED]. Assuming that is the case that property is Berks County parcel number [REDACTED]. Assessment records indicate that property is 2.88 acres, owned by [REDACTED].

With regard to that property, Maiden Creek Township is not aware of any communication with any Township official to any member of the [REDACTED] family since May of 2017. We do not know who [REDACTED] claims is making these statements but I can tell you that after checking with the Township Manager and the Code Enforcement Officer, we do not know, and have no record of any communication during the last almost four years.

We do know that on May 15, 2017 we responded to a complaint concerning that property and issued a Notice of Violation regarding excessive animals, but the [REDACTED] never responded to that notice, and pertinently the Township took no further action. As far as we know that matter was closed. Please identify the source or the identity of the person from the Township that is the alleged source of [REDACTED] current complaint so we can figure out what she refers to.

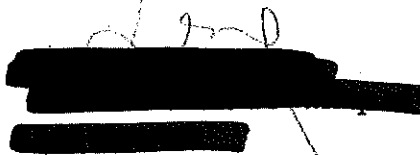
We appreciate your explanation of prior lawful nonconforming uses and are frankly well acquainted with that concept. We are also familiar with the right to farm law and the importance of agriculture particularly in our Township. It might interest you to know that by land mass, it is the largest use in our township and many of our farms are permanently preserved. However with regard to [REDACTED] and this parcel, we are not aware of any communication or enforcement action by Maiden Creek Township and have no pending complaint we know about. We are also unaware of what is presently occurring on this property so without further information it is not possible to be more specific.

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We are more than willing to cooperate with your office and respond further. We have no desire or intent to interfere with legitimate agricultural operations as defined in the Right to Farm Law and incorporated into Act 38.

I look forward to hearing from you when you can.

Very truly yours,

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