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Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General

To whom it may concern,

I am sending this email on behalf of my father, [REDACTED] a dairy farmer for 38 years located in [REDACTED] Pennsylvania. My father operates one of the last remaining working dairy farms in Unity Township, only two others remain. He has been issued a non-criminal citation on 9/9/2020 by the Unity Township Code Enforcement Officer for two piles of metal construction materials that are located on his 155 acre farm. The two piles of metal are over 500 feet from [REDACTED] and are not easily visible from the road. Furthermore, he owns all of the land surrounding metal piles. The closest dwelling is 1000 feet across [REDACTED]. He currently farms 800 acres of land in Unity Township and Derry Township. There are no piles of garbage or rubbish anywhere on his 155 acres and all buildings are well maintained. I have attached the following information:

- 1.) ordinance copy #43, Chapter 43 of the Unity Township code, "Nuisance Buildings and Properties Ordinance
- 2.) violation notice
- 3.) photo taken by the Unity Township Code Enforcement officer

The metal construction materials are used to repair various farm buildings, such as machinery sheds, barns, corn cribs and animal shelters. The metal is also used to repair fencing and stanchions. It is very common for farmers to save metal construction items to recycle and reuse on various farm repairs in order to help offset numerous farm expenses. Not being able to use cost effective ways to repair and maintain farm buildings and equipment limits a normal agricultural operation especially in Pennsylvania's small family operated dairy farms. Due to the cost of building materials skyrocketing, farmers more than ever need to use whatever cost saving resources they can to stay open. Whatever metal cannot be used for repairs is recycled yearly. There is no grass or weeds grown up around the metal piles nor any infestation of pests or vermin. The piles of metal are not in direct view of another residents home or from the road. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you need another information please feel free and reply to this email. My fathers contact information is as follows:

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