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TO:
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FROM:

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To Whom It May Concern:

We would like this information reviewed about the Lake City borough for violating our rights and the ACRE act. We bought our house on February 18th, 2022 but we had taken ownership on November 6th, 2020. We previously had chickens and brought them on our 10-acre property; because the land will be and has always been used for farming and we are surrounded by other farmland that is also within the borough limits. We got a notice on March 10th 2022 that we had fifteen days to remove the chickens from the property. We then went to a borough council meeting (March 14th) and asked that we would be considered for the Pennsylvania Right to Farm Act, and they asked us to send a written letter with all of the information and never gave us a deadline date (sent by email to [REDACTED] on April 12th). We were told that we could keep the chickens until there was a resolution on the matter. Once I got the letter sent to them and their lawyer reviewed our letter, the lawyer claimed that we cannot use the Right to Farm Act (received letter May 6th). I then went to another council meeting (May 9th) asking them again to consider letting us keep the chickens. We were told no and they had sent a letter (May 12th) that they had to be removed by May 27th, 2022. The chickens were removed May 10th from the property, the day after the meeting, before we got the letter. I then had been told by an acquaintance of mine on June 5th that they had posted in the April 11th minutes that we were in violation of not sending them the letter and that they were sending a citation for us not sending the letter; after we were told that there was no deadline and we were not going to have any repercussions to keeping the chickens in the meantime. I emailed [REDACTED] again on June 6th asking her why we were not contacted to get the letter in sooner, after we were given no deadline. She replied stating since I gotten the letter in on the 12th that they had halted the citation. Then she stated that the police will confirm that the chickens were removed. I then called her and repeated that we were given no deadline and that we were not contacted about getting a citation but it was publicly posted for anyone to see. She got upset that I was questioning her and talked over me and told me she was going to put me on the minutes for June 13th to address council and said goodbye and hung up on me.

I do feel as if they are violating our rights and the ACRE act because we have 10-acres our property is enrolled in Clean and Green and we are zoned Residential Agriculture. I will be including all letters and documents or anything else talked about in this letter. Thank you for your time and consideration to review our letter. We look forward to hearing from you.

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