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Office of the Attorney General
Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Hempfield Township Compliance with Pennsylvania Law –
Rezoning of [REDACTED] Parcel

Dear Deputy Attorney General Willig:

This letter is submitted in response to recent inquiries concerning Hempfield Township's authority to rezone a parcel of land currently designated as agricultural.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Second Class Township Code and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), the Township has the legal right and responsibility to enact zoning ordinances and amendments, including the rezoning of land, in support of the general health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The decision to rezone this specific parcel from agricultural to residential was made following a thorough review process and in accordance with the procedures outlined in the MPC. This action aligns with the Township's comprehensive plan and long-term land use goals. The rezoning is consistent with sound planning principles and reflects the evolving needs of the Township's residents. More importantly, this rezoning action does not contravene the Pennsylvania Right to Farm Act or any other provisions related to farmland preservation or acreage requirements. The Township has carefully reviewed these laws and ensured that the rezoning does not restrict any lawful farming activities or violate agricultural protections afforded under state law.

For further clarity, we have attached a map showing the location of the parcel and its proximity to adjacent residentially zoned properties. This visual context supports the reasonableness and appropriateness of the rezoning decision.

Should your office require any additional information or documentation, we remain available to assist.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure: Zoning Map – Proximity of Residential Parcels

