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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally request the review and possible intervention of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General under the Agriculture, Communities and Rural Environment (ACRE) Act regarding actions taken by Conemaugh Township, Somerset County, which appear to violate my rights as a landowner of Agricultural Security Area (ASA) protected property.

My property, located at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Conemaugh Township, Somerset county is duly enrolled in a certified ASA. Despite this designation, the Township has initiated enforcement actions against me, alleging that a garage structure on my property is being operated as a commercial auto/truck repair business. This claim is based on neighbor complaints and the occasional presence of trucks in my driveway. However, no business license exists, no signage is present, no customers visit the property, and no operations are conducted that would constitute a commercial enterprise.

The garage is used for storage and private mechanical work on personal and agricultural vehicles. No business activities occur on the premises. Regardless, the Township has issued violation notices and scheduled a summary trial over this zoning allegation under the local ordinance, despite the protections granted to ASA lands under 3 P.S. §911 and 3 P.S. §953.

Additionally, the Township has notified me of plans to take a portion of my road frontage that is used to pasture my cattle as well as being a partially wetland on their maps... for a public sewer project under eminent domain, yet has not sought or obtained approval from the Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board (ALCAB) as required under 3 P.S. §913. I have received written confirmation from ALCAB that no such notice has been received. The Township supervisor chairman called me yesterday to inform me they are coming here to dig test holes and to sample soil on the 29th. Even after I made it very clear that we are against this 100 percent at the last Township meeting.

Taken together, these actions represent a pattern of regulatory harassment and targeted enforcement aimed at undermining my rights under the ASA and Pennsylvania's Right to Farm Act.

I respectfully request that the Office of Attorney General review this matter and consider whether Conemaugh Township is in violation of the ACRE statute. I am happy to provide additional documentation, including zoning violation notices, correspondence from the Township Solicitor, photographs, and the ALCAB response.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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