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**VIA REGULAR MAIL AND EMAIL:** [REDACTED]

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**Re: 3/17/2026 ACRE Request for Review-Luzerne County-** [REDACTED]

Attorney Willig:

Recall, the Luzerne County Planning & Zoning Department violated the [REDACTED] on March 11, 2026, for advertising a commercial campground, entertainment facility, food processing establishment, food truck, and convenience retail store without the appropriate permit(s) and/or approvals from the Luzerne County Zoning Hearing Board. On August 2, 2022, the [REDACTED] were denied a Special Exception to operate a Bed & Breakfast, a Use Variance to operate a Commercial Campground, and a Business Sign Variance for this same property.

For an activity to be under the protection of agritourism, it must exist as defined in Title 3 as follows:

*“A farm-related tourism or farm-related entertainment activity that takes place on agricultural land and allows members of the general public, whether or not for a fee, to tour, explore, observe, learn about, participate in or be entertained by an aspect of agricultural production, harvesting, husbandry or rural lifestyle that occurs on the farm.”*

The [REDACTED] offer many services, some of which are defined as agritourism. However, Luzerne County is violating the [REDACTED] for those activities which are clearly not agritourism, including the operation of a food truck, the sale of private dining experiences, catering, public events unrelated to normal agricultural operations such as brunches, Mother's/Father's Day, Labor Day and Halloween events, and the operation of a campground. Agritourism requires that participants be engaged in existing normal agricultural operations. These services and events are not based on normal agricultural operations; thus they should not be considered agritourism as they require additional compliance requirements by state and federal law.

We appreciate your office for allowing us the opportunity to respond and look forward to further discussion regarding our ordinance and compliance.

Sincerely,

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