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May 10, 2023

The Honorable Josh Shapiro
Governor
225 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Shapiro:

As you know, Erie has been devastated by economic hardship for multiple reasons, but the main issue is job loss.

We have seen a significant outflow of people leaving the area or ending up on government assistance because they can't find family sustaining jobs. I believe we have an opportunity to bring some of those jobs back to the Erie area.

Recently, New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed a bill last week which bans gas-powered stoves, furnaces and propane heating in most new residential buildings across the state. New York has many unfriendly policies related to unconventional natural gas drilling and natural gas pipelines.

With your help, I believe that we could offer some small incentives for National Fuel Gas Company to relocate its headquarters to Erie, PA and become a staple of the community for years to come. We have the workforce needed and National Fuel Gas already has a presence in the Erie community with a satellite location in the middle of the City of Erie.

We should be working together to find ways to make Pennsylvania an attractive place in which to live and work, and I'm asking for your help to make that a reality. National Fuel Gas considered Erie for their location about 20 years ago but ultimately chose Buffalo, NY.

We have lost so much through the years, but with your help this would be a tremendous opportunity for not only Erie, but Pennsylvania. We should change the way we approach companies of all kinds to relocate in PA, not just this one.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on how we can move forward together on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Laughlin".

Dan Laughlin
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Cc: Secretary Rick Siger, Department of Community and Economic Development