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VIA USPS FIRST CLASS MAIL AND FAX TO (570) 368-5704

Pennsylvania State Police Attn: Capt. James C. Warner 899 Cherry Street Montoursville, PA 17754

Re: Montgomery Borough Police Department

Dear Capt. Warner:

Our office serves as the solicitor for Montgomery's Borough Council ("Council") and its Police Department ("Department"), in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

The Department was staffed by three officers, all of whom were part-time. At a meeting of Council last evening, the three officers of the Department resigned, and Council has elected to proceed with winding-down its Department providing local police coverage for the Borough.

Given that the Pennsylvania State Police presently covers most dispatched calls concerning matters within the Borough, Council viewed it as the logical next step for the Department.

The two part-time officers resigned and separated from service with the Department upon acceptance of their resignation by Council. As of the date of this letter, they no longer provide coverage to the Department.

Chief Mark Cassel of the Department will remain administratively employed with the Department through November 14, 2023. Chief Cassel will not be dispatched outside of the Department's office to attend to any law enforcement related matters within the Borough nor as back-up for neighboring departments. Instead, Chief Cassel will serve as your point of contact to assist with the transition of coverage within the Borough of Montgomery to Pennsylvania State Police.

Chief Cassel will also be making the Lycoming County Department of Public Safety aware of these developments, as it concerns dispatch to matters within the Borough.

We want to ensure this transition continues to be handled without disruption to the Borough's residents. Accordingly, I write this letter to your attention in order to (i) make you aware of this development with the Borough's Department and (ii) inquire what the Pennsylvania State Police may, if anything, require at the present time relative to such change in police services.

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I thank you for your attention to this letter. Please contact Chief Mark Cassel directly via his cell phone (570) 594-0312 or myself.

If you should have any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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