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IN SUPPORT OF HB 1716  
  
AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVNIA  
  
TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY SELF-GOVERNMENT

We represent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and our mission is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In our work, we have come to realize that we live under a system of law that legalizes activities which threaten our health, safety, and welfare.

This system is used to violate our constitutional rights, and deny us the ability to make decisions of crucial importance for our communities and our future.

Provisions of our Pennsylvania Constitution have been rendered meaningless by the current system of law, including Article I, Section 2, which declares that “all power is inherent in the people.”

Our current system of law privileges the rights of a corporate minority above community health and safety, and denies us a democratic form of government in the place where we live.

For these reasons, we support HB 1716, which calls for an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution that recognizes the right of local community self-government. To secure this right, the amendment includes provisions that empower our communities to legally stop unwanted and harmful activities, and empowers our community to make decisions free from illegitimate preemptive laws and corporate interference.

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