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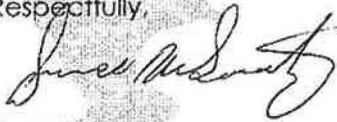
March 19, 2019

Honorable Jim Cox

As a representative of the Borough of Wernersville, I am asking you to oppose House Bill 349.

House Bill 349 will be devastating to local government as it will add an additional layer of administration and expense on the municipal level as well as compromise the integrity of the inspections. This is yet another unfunded mandate that will cause more hours and more expense to administer this program at our local level. Currently, if a municipality decides to appoint multiple third party agencies to administer building codes, they may do so. We already have the opportunity to do what this bill mandates, if we so choose. This mandate is unnecessary and is taking away the choice of local government.

Respectfully,



James Swartz
Councilman
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