

Allegheny County Sportsmen's League Inc.

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Governor Tom Wolf 508 Main Capitol Bldg. Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Tom Wolf,

As I am confident that you are aware, HB979, Strengthening Preemption passed the PA Senate last night (32 YEA 17 NAY). I am pleased that there was significant support for this legislation on both sides of the isle in the House and Senate. 15 Democrat Legislators and one Independent voted along side of Republicans in support of this Bill. As a matter of fact, my Senator, Democrat James Brewster stood up on the Senate floor and urged his colleagues to support this legislation.

Liberty should never be party dependent.

Preemption has been the law of the land in Pennsylvania for many years. In the past, when local elected officials have broken the law (Title 18 Section 6120) and Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution, ACSL and other organizations have taken them to task in the Courts and have succeeded. The amount of money that these actions have cost ACSL and our member clubs is quite significant. Imagine the good that could have been done with this money. Consider the wasted tax dollars these preemption violators use to defend their misguided ordinances. Wouldn't that money be better spent helping the citizenry rather than being used for defending an elected official in Court for breaking the law?

HB979 puts consequence into the law. If a "Regular Pennsylvanian" violates the law, there is consequence. If an elected official violates the law by passing ordinances and laws that supersede State law, shouldn't they also be held accountable? I believe so. The officers, board, and member clubs of the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League do as well. We all agree with the 156 PA Legislators that voted to pass HB979.

I respectfully urge you to sign HB979 into law when it hits your desk. I believe the answers to all problems in our Constitutional Republic stem from education and the free exercise of Rights and Liberty. HB979 will act as a tremendous deterrent against a local elected official disregarding the laws meant to empower Pennsylvanians.

I eagerly await your decision.

Yours Most Respectfully,

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