



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

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TO: Members of the House Local Government Committee
FROM: Joseph H. Gerdes, III, Director of Government Relations
SUBJECT: Statewide Zoning Mandates: HB1976 PN2511 and HB2045 PN2611

Township supervisors are the most local level of government. The constituents they represent are their neighbors, and like many of you they see and hear from them at the grocery store, while out to dinner or at community events. That is why local zoning decisions are best left up to local elected officials.

The needs of each community are different and what works in one area may not be best for another. That is why PSATS opposes efforts to create statewide zoning mandates.

When local officials consider new development, they must consider what their infrastructure (existing roads, bridges, water and sewer) can handle, the capacity of their emergency service providers and the community need for open space and farmland preservation. All things that statewide zoning mandates do not take into account.

PSATS must oppose HB1976 and HB2045.

Rather than statewide mandates that don't fit the needs of local communities, PSATS would suggest exploring efforts to fight blight and rehabilitate existing housing stock, address rising construction costs brought on by burdensome stormwater and UCC regulations and additional funding for municipalities to conduct housing studies and create long term plans for the housing needs of their community.

Please vote no on HB1976 and HB2045.