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TO: Residents of Lansdowne Borough; State, County, Federal Elected Representatives

FROM: Lansdowne Borough Council, Mayor Magda Byrne

RE: **Response to Ruling on the Clean air Act**

Dear Lansdowne neighbors,

On June 30, 2022, the United States Supreme Court undid decades of precedent and limited the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to set standards on climate-changing greenhouse gas emissions for existing power plants with the decision in *West Virginia v. the Environmental Protection Agency*.

In this decision, the Court practically eliminates the federal government's authority through the Environmental Protection Agency to set standards for pollutants like carbon dioxide from power plants under the Clean Air Act. The decision is a major setback in our nation's critical efforts to combat climate change, specifically the goal to have zero carbon emissions from power plants by 2035 and cut in half the country's emissions by 2100.

We, the elected representatives of Lansdowne Borough, oppose this ruling by the Supreme Court. We believe that all current and future residents in Lansdowne have the right to clean air and a healthy future.

Lansdowne Borough Council remains committed to combatting climate change and our support of clean energy as evidenced by Resolution 2019-13, supporting 100% renewable energy for the Borough of Lansdowne, promoting a clean and sustainable future for our residents and the environment we live in.

Likewise, the members of Lansdowne Borough Council and Mayor Byrne remain committed to the oaths we took to uphold not only the Constitution of the United States, but also the Pennsylvania Constitution, which reads in Article I, Section 27:

The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.

Through Borough Council's work with Delaware County's Office of Sustainability and the Sustainability Commission whose mission is to "make Delaware County and its operations more sustainable and resilient to the effects of climate change," Lansdowne will continue to advocate with our elected State and County representatives to ensure a cleaner, more sustainable future for all.

In Lansdowne Borough, the Mayor and Lansdowne Borough Council will do all in our power to advocate for a sustainable future for our residents and a cleaner environment for all.

Sincerely,

Mayor Magda Byrne	Council President Benjamin Hover	Council Vice President Sinoe Naji-Taylor
President Pro Tempore Tangel James	Councilmember Kellie Bowker	Councilmember Robert Curry
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