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Receiver for the City of Chester
Receiver Michael Doweary
Commonwealth Keystone Building
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August 24, 2023

Dear Receiver Doweary –

In July 2020, you assumed the role of Receiver for the City of Chester. Over the past three years, there has been a great deal of conversation and speculation regarding the future of the city, its finances, and the impact of a potential bankruptcy both locally and regionally.

Three years into your oversight of the city's financial situation, I would like your views on the path forward for the City of Chester – specifically as it relates to the funds required to move the city past Act 47 oversight. This is of particular relevance given your statement from April of this year noting Chester needs a plan by the end of 2023 or it will “cease to exist as a municipality.” We are now four months away from that deadline, and to my knowledge, no plan has been made publicly available.

In your view, what dollar amount of (increased) annual revenue must the city generate to exit Act 47 oversight and maintain basic city obligations?

In your view, what dollar amount of one-time revenue must the city generate, over and above annual revenue, to exit Act 47 oversight and maintain basic city obligations?

In your view, is disincorporation of the City of Chester at the end of 2023 still a likelihood?

I appreciate your views on these matters and look forward to your response.

Kind Regards -

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Lawrence".

John Lawrence
State Representative
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