February 2, 2018

Governor Tom Wolf
Office of the Governor
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA  17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s ruling in League of Women Voters, et.al. v. the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, et. al. provides you with an historic opportunity to correct an injustice that has been visited on the citizens of Berks County for nearly two decades.

After a long history of the county being entirely or substantially represented by a single member of Congress, the Legislature in 2002 cynically, and with utter disregard for the health of our community, divided the county into four congressional districts. They repeated that in 2012. In fact, three of the most bizarrely gerrymandered districts in the United States (the 16th, the 6th and the 7th) tear through Berks County.

It is our strong contention that the long-term interests and well-being of Berks County will be better served by one representative who must be responsive to a Berks County majority of constituents.

We urge you to demand that any new congressional map include Berks County in a single congressional district. It is time to put the needs of our community ahead of partisan political politics.

Sincerely,

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