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June 21, 2019

The Honorable Frank Dermody  
House Minority Leader  
423 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Leader Dermody:

I am writing to formally request your support for my efforts to reserve one of the Keystone Opportunity Zones for Cambria County in the state budget bills that are currently being negotiated.

Last month, citizens and business owners in my district welcomed you to our community where you saw firsthand the challenges my area faces. Despite our best efforts, some economic opportunities have passed us by and one factor is that we have never reaped the benefits of a Keystone Opportunity Zone.

The legislative language I am proposing establishes that one KOZ be reserved for Cambria County and allows subzones within the KOZ to be fewer than 10 acres. My legislative district has numerous small towns and villages where a 10-acre minimum is not practical. The people that I represent deserve the same opportunity for economic prosperity that our brethren in the larger cities get. That's why my legislation opens the door for development not only in Johnstown or Ebensburg, but in places such as Portage, Lower Yoder, Upper Yoder, Cresson, East Taylor, Jackson, Gallitzin, Ashville, Revloc, Colver, Carrolltown, Patton, Lilly and Loretto.

My office has drafted a free-standing bill to reserve a KOZ, but it's far more beneficial to our region to achieve this goal now, as part of a negotiated budget deal. My constituents are eager for positive change and I do not want to have this proposal get bogged down in partisan politics.

We have a chance to transform Cambria County, potentially creating thousands of jobs and redeveloping blighted properties. Too often, our area's best and brightest must leave the county to find work in bigger cities around the United States. Therefore, I urge you to support my proposal and advocate that the attached language be incorporated into this year's budget and related bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Burns".

Frank Burns  
State Representative  
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