

## Uwchlan Township

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Ms. Kerry Golden, Executive Director Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Pennsylvania House of Representatives kgolden@pahousegop.com

Dear Ms. Golden,

I am writing today to share Uwchlan Township's support of House Bills 988 and 1628 of the 2021 session, which would repeal the current fireworks law and allow for greater municipal regulation of consumer grade fireworks in Pennsylvania. Since the passage of Act 43 in 2017, Uwchlan Township has been inundated with complaints from our residents related to the overall noise, stress and unease resulting from the use of such fireworks. In addition, genuine safety and property damage concerns have been raised concerning the use and misuse of consumer grade fireworks.

As currently written, Act 43 preempts Uwchlan Township's abilities to regulate the use of consumer fireworks through the Township ordinance. I urge our elected representatives to adopt House Bill 988 of 2021, which repeals Act 43, as well as adopt House Bill 1628, allowing the Township to regulate the use of such fireworks in our municipality.

Sincerely,

Bill Miller Chairperson

**Uwchlan Township Board of Supervisors** 

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Uwchlan Township Board of Supervisors (Via Email) Representative Danielle Otten (Via Email)