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City Council
City of Allentown
435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101

Dear Members of City Council:

Please accept this correspondence as my support for the City of Allentown's ZONE Allentown comprehensive Zoning ordinance rewrite and SALDO update.

Having had the opportunity to review the ZONE Allentown proposals, I am confident that this project provides a strong framework for Allentown's future. The new code aligns with the goals of Allentown's Vision 2030 and the future of the city; it encourages economic growth while preserving the nature of Allentown's history and culture. ZONE Allentown provides the tools needed to advance several priorities that are important to Allentown residents.

ZONE Allentown supports the core needs of our communities. By encouraging sustainable development, respecting the traditional nature of the city and building upon Allentown's urban form, this rewrite acknowledges residents' priorities. Alleviating the strain our residents are facing and increasing the supply of affordable and sustainable housing is just one component that will benefit our residents. It also recognizes the importance of attracting and encouraging the development of employment opportunities and access to jobs. The City of Allentown's Zoning Update will significantly contribute to the future of the city and will be a catalyst for implementing the goals for the future of our city.

I hope that Allentown's City Council unanimously supports and votes to approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance and SALDO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter G. Schwyer".

Peter G. Schwyer
State Representative-134th District