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To: Cynthia Dunn, PA Secretary of Department of Conservation of Natural Resources

RE: Big Elk State Park

Please accept this letter of support for the position of the Elk Township Board of Supervisors and their opposition to the Big Elk Creek State Park campground, cottages, yurts, shower house, and other amenities presented to the community and local municipalities in 2024. The establishment of such a facility would be in opposition to the rural character of the region and constitute a burden to the southern Chester County community at large placing extra demand on roads, municipal services, and emergency and police services. We are, collectively, simply not set up to manage this type of venue.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors does support the Elk Board of Supervisors in their position to maintain the area as a passive recreational facility, like the White Clay Creek Preserve, as was originally intended with the purchase of the property. This would be financially feasible, while creating an idyllic space in which to enjoy a walk in a natural setting for countless people from the tri-state area to enjoy. This would be a credit to the Commonwealth, DCNR, and the southern Chester County region.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office by phone or email with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Penn Township Supervisors --  
Victor Mantegna, Chair  
William "Radar" O'Connell, Vice Chair  
Jay R. Ennis, Member  
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