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Honorable Daryl D. Metcalfe
144 Main Capitol Building
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RE: Senate Bill 411

Dear Representative Metcalfe,

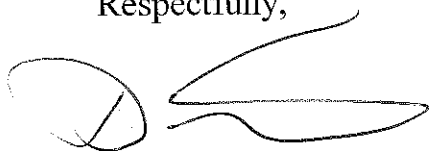
Please allow this letter to serve as an official letter of support from the Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO) in regards to Senate Bill 411, which would allow the following:

- additional fees to be charged for commercial requests (including staff time)
- clarify that bank account and credit card numbers and certain tax forms (such as W-2s) are confidential
- expand the types of personal employee information that is protected to include employee home addresses
- health insurance election information; employee withholdings for health insurance, retirement benefits, and charitable contributions
- dependent information; and an individual employee's retirement benefits; reduce the prepayment threshold for record requests from the current \$100 to \$50
- exempt certain volunteer emergency service provider records from disclosure (this would not include financial records if the organization has a contract with a municipality)
- limit the records that may be requested by inmates

BCATO is comprised of 30 townships of the second class and represents the legislative interests of its supervisors, managers, tax collectors and auditors. We request that the State Government Committee support this bill for a full voting process because it strengthens the integrity of the program and reduces the unnecessary burden on municipalities across the state.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions as you consider your stance on this legislation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel F. Rattigan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and 'R'.

Daniel F. Rattigan
President, BCATO

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