

# **HOUSE BILL 4875**

## **OPPOSITION**

## Molly Wingrove

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Good morning, Molly.

Could you please see that this email, containing my personal information, in opposition of the above bills is entered in the proper record for today's meeting and those yet to come. I have written more than ten times to my representative, Matt Hall, and my senator, Sean McCann regarding the irresponsible attempt by state legislators to remove the authority from all local governments for the process of permitting sand and gravel mining operations. It is absurdity to give the state such authority over those who live in close proximity to the proposed sites. The residents of affected townships should have say about their quality of life and the proposed effects of mining around their homes. Townships and other local governments spend much time and effort making one year, five year, ten year and so on, development plans for their area. I will wager the farm that not one has a mission statement that says, continue the gradual dismantling of local government and hand it to the state and the industry lobbyists. Neither would one say, our plan includes inviting an aggregate mining company to tear up existing, important ecosystems...right next to those who have chosen to live in quiet places.

This entire activity, the consideration of these bills, preparing to usurp the power from local government...has suffered from a lack of innovative thought, from disorganization, and corruption acknowledged by the Auditor General. Stop this nonsense, this entirely inadequate path...even something as simple as setting a deadline for resolution of permit applications is being discussed. It is true there is no law under which a deadline is set. Can you tell me how much time is planned for application completion? What about every other point of concern? Is an EIS necessary? If so, it may take longer than the prescribed length of time. If not necessary, who decides? Will the time be reduced?

Please stop this terrible action you seek to undertake this afternoon.

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