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January 10, 2022

RE: Letter of Support for PA Coroner Access to JNET

Mr. Brent Lawson:

We are writing you to show our support for PA State Rep. Sue Helm's proposed legislation, HB 2088 (for session 2021), that would give the PA coroners access to JNET. We understand that the bill will be discussed at a hearing next week.

As the coroners work closely with law enforcement on death investigations and the coroners by statute are tasked with the responsibility of death notification in PA, it is of the utmost importance that the coroners have access to JNET. Without this access, finding the decedent's next of kin can often take days or weeks. This access to the decedent's emergency information enables the Next of Kin notification process to take place so that families are notified of their loved one's death in a timely manner and proper funeral arrangements can begin, and possible organ and tissue donation can occur more quickly, allowing for more lives to be saved.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this very important legislative tool that will enable the coroners to do their job more efficiently.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy Hettinger".

Guy Hettinger
Penn Township Chief of Police, York County Chiefs of Police Association President.