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Subject: Clarification on the Role of the Phoenixville Borough Police Department in Immigration Enforcement

We understand that there are many questions about the role of the Phoenixville Borough Police Department when it comes to immigration enforcement. We want to take a moment to clarify what our local law enforcement does and does not do regarding this matter.

What the Phoenixville Borough Police Department Does:
- Serves all residents of Phoenixville, regardless of immigration status.
- Enforces local and state laws to ensure public safety for all members of our community.
- Investigates crimes and works to protect victims and witnesses, irrespective of their immigration status.

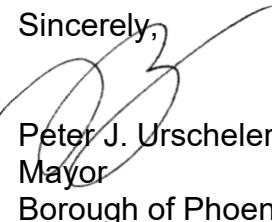**What the Phoenixville Borough Police Department Does Not Do:**
- Enforce federal immigration laws, as immigration enforcement is the responsibility of the federal government.
- Inquire about an individual's immigration status during routine policing activities.
- Conduct immigration raids or detain individuals solely based on their immigration status.

Immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility, and local police departments, including Phoenixville's, are not required to enforce federal immigration laws unless they have a formal agreement to do so. The Phoenixville Borough Police Department has never had such an agreement and remains focused on its mission of serving and protecting all members of our community.

If you or someone you know has questions about immigration status or needs assistance with immigration-related matters, we recommend reaching out to a qualified legal professional or the appropriate federal agencies for guidance.

Thank you for allowing us to serve and protect our community.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Urscheler
Mayor
Borough of Phoenixville