

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2018
FOSTER TOWNSHIP, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ANTI-CORRUPTION POSITION

WHEREAS, Foster Township desires to establish as a position, tough, new anti-corruption laws for politicians, lobbyists, and outside groups such as Super PACs. We feel it is necessary to recognize ordinary citizens as important stakeholders in government, instead of allowing the undue influence of major individual and corporate donors.

WHEREAS, the proper operation of responsible government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial, and responsible to their constituents; that government decisions and policy be made in the best interest of the community and the government; that public office must not be used for personal gain.

WHEREAS, we agree there should be a limit on contributions to political candidates from individuals, lobbyists and Super PACs to reduce the potential for undue influence.

WHEREAS, an elected legislator must cast his or her vote as "trustee" for his or her constituents, not as a prerogative of personal power.

WHEREAS, we agree with making laws prohibiting legislators from selling off their government power for high paying lobbyist jobs, and from accepting money from lobbyists. Also, lobbyists can either lobby or donate, but they can't do both.

WHEREAS, we agree that all political fundraising and spending be immediately disclosed online and immediately disclosed to the public. Also, the Supreme Court's mandate that Super PACs cannot donate to political campaigns must be enforced.

WHEREAS, we agree that gerrymandering is a detriment to our democracy and, therefore, it is imperative that independent redistricting commissions be established.

WHEREAS, all political candidates should run in an open primary controlled by the voters, not the political establishment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Foster Township, respectfully urges the Pennsylvania legislators to introduce and support anti-corruption legislation in Harrisburg and Washington D.C. addressing the issues herein described.

ENACTED INTO A RESOLUTION AND EFFECTIVE THIS 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

ATTEST:

Brian Majewski

Secretary



FOSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Gerald Brogan

Gerald Brogan, Chairperson

Georgiann Eckrote-Jones

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