RESOLUTION NO. 2013-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST GOSHEN, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FREE OUR TAXPAYERS FROM THE UNDUE FISCAL BURDEN PLACED ON THEM BY THE PENNSYLVANIA PREVAILING WAGE ACT OF 1961.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act of 1961 requires that public construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration and/or repair projects with an estimated cost greater than $25,000 to pay workers a wage set by the Secretary of Labor and Industry rather than local market rates; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing wages set by the Secretary of Labor and Industry are generally 15 to 30 percent higher than local market labor rates; and

WHEREAS, the cost and burden of these artificially inflated wages are borne by taxpayers in the form of higher taxes than would otherwise be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act institutionalizes overpayment by taxpayers for work that could be completed more economically with fully open competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, local contractors often choose not to bid on prevailing wage projects due to the administrative and financial overhead required; and

WHEREAS, quality of work and timeliness of completion are determined by adequate oversight and good job-specifications, not by paying inflated wages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that East Goshen Township, Chester County, urges Pennsylvania's General Assembly to enact commonsense reforms to the Prevailing Wage Act to reduce this burden on our taxpayers consistent with what is set forth in HB 796 (PN 1496) and HB 665 (PN 1495).

ADOPTED this 4th day of June 2013.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

ATTEST

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