RESOLUTION #_____ECLEG NOV20'12 PM 5:07

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LACKAWANNA CITY OFFICIALS, et al

RE: OPPOSING ECIDA STANDARD PILOT AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Erie County Industrial Development Agency is an organization who's mission is stated as: ***The mission of the Erie County IDA is to provide the resources that encourage investment, innovation, growth and global competitiveness - creating a successful business climate that improves the quality of life for the residents of the region.***; and

WHEREAS, one of the many benefits of businesses dealing with the ECIDA are PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) agreements in which new businesses receive tax breaks with the understanding that new businesses need these breaks to ensure early profitability; and

WHEREAS, PILOT agreements can have a negative effect on the host communities in many different facets, which may include heavy abuse of infrastructure, leaving prior to the end of the agreement, leaving unusable buildings, along with police, fire, and other service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lackawanna has worked diligently with Erie County and Welded Tube to help assist in bringing in this new company and return industry to the City of Lackawanna; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lackawanna was not included in any negotiations with the ECIDA with this project or the new project that is trying to set up shop; and

WHEREAS, the projected PILOT for the new companies has a tax payment of 0% for the first seven years followed by 10%, 20%, and 30% in the last three years of this ten year PILOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Officials of the City of Lackawanna request that we are brought into the negotiations of any tax alleviation in dealing with businesses projected for our city.

Dated: November 5, 2012

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