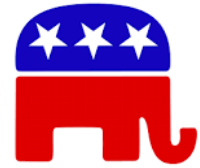


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Lehigh County Republican Committee passes resolution to oppose Lehigh County \$5 car fee.

The Lehigh County Republican Committee adopted on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 a formal position to oppose the yearly \$5 per car fee proposed by Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong. After reviewing data showing Lehigh County and local municipalities have sufficient funds for road and bridge maintenance, the Committee voted to oppose this money grab by the Democrat County Executive Phillips Armstrong.

The county and local municipalities are provided yearly funding for bridge and road maintenance through one of the highest liquid fuels taxes in the country. Asking residents to provide additional money through yet another funding scheme seems not only repetitive, but also unnecessary, as current funds designated for road and bridge repairs are not completely spent. In fact, less than half is actually spent to improve roads and bridges.

Additionally, when municipalities vote to allow additional construction of warehouses and housing developments, which cause increased demand for road maintenance, then these municipalities should be responsible for their own decisions. It is not only unfair to ask the residents of surrounding municipalities to pay for the bad decisions of other municipalities, it is also immoral.

For these reasons, the members of the Lehigh County Republican Committee urge all of the Lehigh County Commissioners to stand with county residents and reject this money grab by County Executive Armstrong. We also encourage all citizens, no matter what their political affiliation, to oppose this money grab as well.

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