



*P.O. Box 211, Abington PA 19001*

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

President Matteo,

Thank you for your letter and all the documentation that you provided. As a result of your correspondence, we scheduled a meeting with the Abington Township Manager, Mr. Richard Manfredi. That meeting occurred on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Your concerns were addressed with the Manager.

Mr. Manfredi relayed the following information. In the summer of 2023, he attended one meeting in Jenkintown, in which he was informed that they would be discussing the announcement of the Abington Police Department assuming police services for Jenkintown Borough. Mr. Manfredi related to us that he was not interested in that proposal. He also told us that all prior discussions occurred at the police department level. At no time did he, or the Abington Township Board of Commissioners, discuss any merger, overtaking, or contracted police services to Jenkintown Borough. Mr. Manfredi has personal experience in dealing with police mergers, confirming our stance, that the collective bargaining units must agree before any talks of mergers can proceed.

Mr. Manfredi was not aware of, nor in agreement to, any use of Abington Township or the Abington Township Police Department, being utilized during your collective bargaining negotiations with Jenkintown Borough. With regards to their desire to lower your contract's minimum staffing to one police officer, coupled with the implied assurance of Chief Thomas Scott, that he could get the Abington Police Department to supplement that staffing level, we advised Mr. Manfredi that the ATPA would see that as a change in work conditions, if in fact, our bargaining unit members were made to do that. We also relayed to Mr. Manfredi, your concerns that Borough's counsel mentioned the possibility of going back to Abington, if your PBA took your negotiations to arbitration.

At the culmination of our meeting, Mr. Manfredi assured us that he would be immediately reaching out to Abington Township's labor attorney, seeking to address these concerns with Jenkintown Borough. He also advised us to feel free to share this information with you. Please feel free to keep us updated on any concerns that can affect the rights of our respective bargaining units.

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Thomas Nyman, President

Edward Howley, Vice President