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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
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THE SECRETARY

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October 15, 2020

Honorable Jen Swails
Secretary of the Budget
Governor's Budget Office
238 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Swails,

I hereby certify, pursuant to Article XVIII-C of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, that the amount of state taxes attributable to the Bethlehem City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ) in 2019 to be transferred from the General Fund to the Bethlehem CRIZ Fund totals \$547,339.61 as of August 31, 2020.

This amount reflects \$484,228.07 state taxes remitted between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2019 by 5 businesses, as defined under Act 13 as "new businesses" within the program, \$30,124.97 in incremental tax growth by 11 businesses with an established baseline and \$32,986.57 by 30 construction contractors.

The 2019 official state tax baseline for the Bethlehem CRIZ is \$418,519.22. This includes state taxes reported by business existing within or relocating into the zone that filed a CRIZ state tax report for the first time for 2019 and adjustments to the baseline by businesses that closed or relocated outside the zone in the previous year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Daniel Hassell".

C. Daniel Hassell
Secretary of Revenue

cc: Amy Gill, Deputy Secretary for Tax Policy
Matt Forti, Economic Development Coordinator

CITY REVITALIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT ZONE (CRIZ) BETHLEHEM PROGRAM RECORD

STATE RECORD

PROGRAM YEAR: 2019

TAX PERIOD: January 1 to December 31, 2019

Total State Taxes Attributable to the Bethlehem CRIZ

- \$ 902,175.68 Total business trust fund taxes attributable to the CRIZ, including employer withholding, sales, use and hotel occupancy tax from businesses and contractors.
- \$ 63,389.89 Total corporate taxes and miscellaneous taxes attributable to the CRIZ including personal income tax, bank shares tax, malt beverage tax, etc.
- \$ (74.00) Total refunds granted to taxpayers reducing state taxes attributable to the CRIZ.
- \$ 965,491.57** Total 2019 General Fund tax revenue attributable to the Bethlehem CRIZ.

State Taxes Certified as Attributable to the Bethlehem CRIZ from businesses as defined under Act 13 as “new businesses” within the program and Increment calculated on a per business basis between the official baseline established per business entity and 2019 General Fund tax revenue.

- \$ 514,353.04** Total 2019 General Fund tax revenue classified as growth attributable to new tax revenue within the Bethlehem CRIZ.

State Taxes Certified as Attributable to Construction within the CRIZ

- \$ 32,986.57** Total 2019 General Fund tax revenue attributable to construction activity within the Bethlehem CRIZ.

Fund Transfer

- \$ 547,339.61** Total tax dollars certified for transfer to the Bethlehem CRIZ Authority

Baseline Recalculation

- \$ 116,220.22 2018 baseline for the CRIZ program.

- \$ 302,299.00 2019 baseline adjustments (increases or decreases to the baseline as required by changes in the baseline population).
- \$ **418,519.22** Official 2019 state tax baseline for the Bethlehem CRIZ.
- \$ **207,514.50** Maximum state borrowing permitted for debt service on bonds issued by the Authority.

Filing Compliance

- 48 Total unique businesses within the Bethlehem CRIZ filed CRIZ tax reports by the August 31 filing deadline.
- 50 Total unique businesses identified by the authority on June 3, 2020 to the Department of Revenue as qualified businesses required to file CRIZ reports.

The state tax baseline will be reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis. Any qualified business within the zone that did not file a CRIZ report by the August 31 filing deadline will have opportunity to file CRIZ reports in future years, and each first-year's report will be added to the tax baseline. In addition, all businesses classified as Pennsylvania relocations will be added to the baseline upon filing a first-year report.