

September 8, 2009

Mayor Ed Fike and Council
Uniontown City Hall
20 N. Gallatin Ave.
Uniontown, Pa. 15401

Dear Mayor Fike and Council,

Positions of authority also carry tremendous responsibilities. Having served on the position of mayor we both recognize that decisions must be made that impact the residents of our community.

The future of the Uniontown Fire Department is one of those critical decisions. At the current time the city administration is wrestling with the possibility of either curtailing or eliminating the paid firefighters of our community. This decision should not be taken lightly and we believe that all other possible spending cuts should be explored before focusing on either the fire or police departments. Reductions in these critical areas would severely affect the property owners and all residents of our community. We jointly believe that future cuts in expenditures can be made but that they be focused on other areas of city services. We further believe that the continuation of providing services by a paid fire department is critical in insuring the safety of our citizens.

We do, however, support the current administration in their efforts in providing effective government in these difficult times and request that our fire department be the absolute last area of reduction in service.

Sincerely,



Paul Börtz Sr.



Charles D. Machesky

Cc: Uniontown Fire Department