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PA STATE GRANGE PLEASSED WITH REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX BILL

Lemoyne, PA... The Pennsylvania State Grange today applauded the November 21 signing into law of House Bill 2370 as Act 175 of 2016. The legislation exempts farmers from paying the Real Estate Transfer Tax retroactively, assuming that they are enrolled in farmland preservation.

“Despite its’ technical sounding topic, this law is extremely important to farmers on a practical level” said PA State Grange President Elizabeth Downey. “It fills a hole left by previous legislation which said there would be an exemption from the tax but did not prevent a retroactive collection of the Real Estate Transfer Tax. That is a dollars and cents issue for farm families and we appreciate the prompt action by the General Assembly and Governor Tom Wolf.”

The PA State Grange also credited Adams County State Representative Dan Moul for his diligence in getting the bill through the General Assembly in the waning days of the legislative session. “He kept everyone engaged despite everything else legislators had to consider” said Downey. “Without his persistence, I doubt that this new law would exist.”

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The Pennsylvania State Grange was formed in 1873 to serve as an advocate for rural individuals and families by working to strengthen the social and economic fabric of rural communities.