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July 26, 2018

Mr. Bob Ibach- Manager  
8330 Schantz Rd.  
Breinigsville, PA 18031-1510

Dear Mr. Ibach:

In an ongoing effort to keep you and your municipality informed of funding opportunities through the state government, I want to make sure that you are aware of a grant program for your local businesses.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently announced \$1 million of grant funding is available to Pennsylvania farmers and small businesses for pollution prevention, energy efficiency, and natural resource protection projects through the Small Business Advantage grants.

Eligible projects are those that adopt or acquire equipment or processes that reduce energy use or pollution. Examples of eligible projects are HVAC and boiler upgrades, high-efficiency lighting, solvent recovery and waste recycling systems, and auxiliary power units deployed as anti-idling technology for trucks. Businesses can apply for 50 percent matching funds of up to \$9,500. Only costs incurred between July 20, 2018 and June 30, 2019 are eligible.

All applications must be submitted through the Commonwealth's Single Application for Assistance website. Applications will be considered on a first- come, first served basis, and will be accepted until fiscal year 2018-19 funds are exhausted, or April 12, 2019, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate calling Matt Szuchyt in my Allentown office at 610-821-8426. Additional information can also be found by visiting [goo.gl/WynE6S](http://goo.gl/WynE6S).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick M. Browne".

Patrick M. Browne  
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