As similar debates ensue in the future, we will have more power to shape public policy and influence outcomes if we pass a resolution. Furthermore, our local resolutions will reinforce the oaths taken by our local elected officials to uphold both the state and federal constitutions.

By passing local resolutions in Centre County, we will affirm our strong resolve to fight terrorism, and, like our patriot forebears, protect our precious freedoms of speech, religion, assembly, and privacy, our right to counsel and due process in legal proceedings, and our protection from unreasonable searches and seizures. Moreover, our local actions will raise awareness among community members, reinforcing the importance of the Bill of Rights while assuring all local residents, regardless of whether they are citizens, aliens, or immigrants, that we are committed to banding together to protect their legal rights.

If you believe that the FBI will not seize records from State College area libraries, bookstores, health care facilities, banks and other businesses, think again. Studies by the American Library Association and others have uncovered hundreds of such visits around the country. As the 9/11 Commission stated in its final report, "...while protecting our homeland, Americans should be mindful of threats to vital personal and civil liberties. This balancing is not an easy task, but we must constantly strive to keep it right."

Now more than ever, we must strive to keep it right in Centre County. Let's work together with the Centre Region Bill of Rights Defense Committee to urge government officials to pass local resolutions that make our communities Safe Zones for the Bill of Rights. We must take action here and now to restore the balance between safety and freedom!

Nancy Kranich is the convener of the Centre Region Bill of Rights Defense Committee and a past president of the American Library Association.

Paul Painter has lived on Academy Street since 1983 and is a member of the Boalsburg Alliance, a group formed to preserve the village of Boalsburg.

As a resident of Academy Street for over three decades, I have observed the impact of development on our neighborhood. The construction of a new building on the corner of Academy and Main streets has had a significant effect on local infrastructure. The addition of this building has contributed to increased flooding and erosion in the surrounding area, as well as increased traffic and noise levels.

In response to this development, I have organized a group of neighbors who are concerned about the impact of this project on our community. We believe that local governments have a responsibility to address the concerns of residents and ensure that new development projects are environmentally sustainable and respectful of the natural beauty of our area.

In conclusion, I urge local officials to consider the views of residents and take action to mitigate the negative effects of development on our community. By working together, we can ensure that our neighborhood remains a safe and pleasant place to live.

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**Ask My Opponent . . .**

**Why he claims to be "the clear choice" for District Attorney while claiming only a small fraction of my experience with hundreds of criminal cases?**

**Why he is "the clear choice" when his experience is almost entirely limited to drug cases, while I have been fighting the diversity of crime faced by Centre County for 17 years? What of assault, abuse and even homicide?**

**Why he claims endorsements "by every local law enforcement agency" when these are endorsements by police unions, not actual police departments? Is he counting on voters to not draw the distinction?**

**Why nearly 25% of his campaign contributors live outside of Centre County, some even outside of Pennsylvania?**

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