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PA State Grange  
Wayne Campbell, President  
20 Erford Road Suite 216  
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

I am writing to request your support for my candidacy for reelection as an Agricultural Trustee at the Pennsylvania State University. As noted in my attached biography, I have many ties to Pennsylvania agriculture. I grew up on a dairy farm located in Martinsburg, PA, and began my professional career as a Farm Loan Officer for the USDA Farm Service Agency. I then transitioned to CBT Bank for 8 years, before moving to Reliance Bank in January 2018, where I serve as a Vice President/Business Banking Officer, with a concentration on agricultural lending. My husband and I own Forsheys Ag & Industrial, a New Holland farm machinery dealership, located in Martinsburg, PA. We also own and operate a beef and crop operation in New Enterprise, PA. My heart lies with the family farm.

I am seeking reelection for this position because of the need to keep production agriculture as a priority of the University. Agricultural research and the ability to deliver that research to farmers through the Cooperative Extension Service has been of absolute importance to our community.

As noted in my biography, I hold a number of key leadership positions on committees responsible for the promotion and education of all agricultural entities and commodities. There is no greater need for our industry than teaching the general public, news media, and government officials about the importance of agriculture. I would plan to promote this need within the Board of Trustees at Penn State, and would very much appreciate your endorsement

Sincerely,



Valerie L. Detwiler  
Enclosure

## Biography of Valerie L. Detwiler

Valerie L. Detwiler, a strong advocate for Pennsylvania agriculture, currently serves as Vice President and Senior Business Banker for Reliance Bank. Valerie has been involved with agricultural lending since 2004, when she began working for the USDA Farm Service Agency, Farm Loan Program. Mrs. Detwiler served as a Farm Loan Officer until March 2010, when she began employment with CBT Bank, and later transitioned to Reliance Bank in January 2018. In addition to her employment with the Bank, Valerie and her husband, C.A., own and operate Forsheys Ag & Industrial, a New Holland machinery dealership, located in Martinsburg, PA, as well as, a beef and crop operation located in New Enterprise, PA. Valerie graduated in 2006 with High Distinction from the Pennsylvania State University, with a B.S. in Accounting and a minor in Legal Environments of Business. Mrs. Detwiler aided the Penn State community during her tenure at University Park by serving as a Lion Ambassador from 2004 until 2006. Valerie currently serves on the Blair County Chamber of Commerce Farm City Committee, the Loan Committee of the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission, and the Pennsylvania Banking Association's Agriculture and Rural Issues Advisory Committee. In addition, she is a member of the Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church and the Blair County Farm Bureau. Valerie and her husband support the University as members of the Golden Lion Society, the President's Club, and the Nittany Lion Club. The Detwilers are lifetime members of the Penn State Alumni Association. Mrs. Detwiler is currently completing her 1<sup>st</sup> three year term as a member of the Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees. Valerie grew up on a dairy farm in Martinsburg, PA, with her parents, Gerald and Linda Smith. Mrs. Detwiler currently resides on part of the family farm with C.A., and their daughter, Carly. She can be reached at [vdetwiler@reliancebank.com](mailto:vdetwiler@reliancebank.com).