

Thank you for allowing me to appear today. My name is Mike Flanagan, and I am presently the acting President of the Clinton County Economic Partnership, the economic development, tourism and chamber entity for the county, with our office based in Lock Haven.

There are presently three Keystone Opportunity Zones in Clinton County. They are the Renovo Industrial Park, the Lock Haven Airport Business Park, and the Lamar Township Business Park. All under the regional auspices of SEDA-Council of Governments, based in Lewisburg.

The Renovo Industrial Park, which is the former Pennsylvania rail shops in western Clinton County, has been a Keystone Opportunity Zone since 1999. It is approximately 80 acres. Presently, there are two industries at the park. W.T. Storey constructed a 50,000 square foot building in 2001. The company specializes in the manufacturing of electrical power sockets for computers. However, a downturn in the technology sector has not allowed for the company to grow as it would have liked. They are presently seeking work to employ people at the site. Storey presently has two employees at the park.

Renovo Rail operates on approximately 45 acres of ground. They employ 14 people and repair rail cars. Presently they are seeking funding to help expand and bring power to the large manufacturing building, as well as adding additional rail to the site. About 15 acres remain at the park, and that is presently being leased to Dominion Transmission as a staging area for a nearby pipeline project.

The Lock Haven Airport Business Park is a 15 acre lot located next to the Piper Airport in Lock Haven, and has been a KOZ site since the program's inception. Although there are presently no tenants, some leads have taken place over the years.

The Lamar Township Business Park, located just off the Lock Haven exit of Interstate 80, is a new 122-acre park and became a KOZ expansion zone in 2003. Presently, there is one tenant, APC International, which employs about 25 people and is a global manufacturer of high quality piezoelectric ceramics for customers in a wide range of industries, including General Electric and Honeywell. They have been at the site since 2006. As infrastructure work continues this fall, there are presently two prospects for the site.

The KOZ designations for these sites, which last until 2013, have been a key part of the businesses that located in these parks. Having a site that is virtually tax free is a main part in the economic development toolbox.

Senate Bill No. 65, as I understand, would allow for zones to exist until 2028, which obviously, with local taxing body approval, would be a key point to expand and enhance the economic development opportunities in Clinton County.

Thank you for your time.

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