

Monday, July 16, 2005

Fairchild Issues

Statement on

Laurelton Center

Legislation Becoming

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Rep. Russ Fairchild (R-Snyder/Union) today issued the following statement after Gov. Ed Rendell signed into law House Bill 1745, legislation that would transfer the Laurelton Center property in Union County to Mountain Valley Inc.:

"The signing of this bill into law is a tremendous step forward for Hartley Township and Union County. The Laurelton Center has been sitting empty for years, and now, this new law makes it possible to put the 337-acre property back on the tax rolls, bringing much-needed revenue to the local school district, township and county.

"I would like to thank everyone who made this possible, including members of the Laurelton Advisory Committee that worked very hard in finding a reuse for the former mental retardation center and to recommend the best possible developer for this property.

"Because of the positive possibilities for new employment and tourism opportunities, I am excited for the future of the Laurelton Center as Mountain Valley Inc.'s move into our community is a win-win for all involved."