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Charlie Ross Appointed to Two Pennsylvania Advisory Positions Chamber President to Advocate on Behalf of Rural Communities

HARRISBURG – Gov. Ed Rendell on Friday informed Charlie Ross that he has been appointed to the Governor’s Advisory Council on Rural Affairs to advise him on behalf of the rural communities of the Susquehanna Valley.

As a member of the Council, Ross will work with the governor to ensure the interests of Valley residents are not overlooked. He will advocate for support for economic development and educational investment locally, while considering the importance of a rural lifestyle to residents of the Valley as and much of the Commonwealth. The Council provides a number of resources to state leaders and leaders of rural communities throughout Pennsylvania.

Ross will sign a written oath of office this week and will begin serving immediately afterward. His first meeting is on May 20. His goal is to improve the local economies of the communities he represents while preserving their rural ways of life.

His appointment came about six weeks after Ross, president and chief executive officer of the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, became a board member of Pennsylvania Rural Partners. The non-profit organization is dedicated to developing industry and job markets in Pennsylvania’s rural communities while preserving the quality of life and rural beauty that makes those communities home.

Bill Sturges, executive director of GACRA and president of PRP, recommended that the governor appoint Ross for this latest position based on his past membership on similar boards in Maryland.

Before joining the Chamber last June, Ross was chairman of the Rural Maryland Council, Chairman of the Maryland Rural Broadband Coordination Board and a member of the Rural Development Coalition for Garrett County, Md, and Preston Co., W. Va. His unique experience positions him to advocate for Pennsylvania communities near to and far from the Susquehanna Valley.

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