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DIRECTOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS TOM PEREZ TO TOUR ERIE COUNTY ARPA INVESTMENTS

Erie County is honored to host **Director Tom Perez** from the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs on Friday September 27, 2024 for a series of events focused on showcasing investments made using **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding**. These projects, aimed at strengthening local infrastructure, sustainability, and community resilience, underscore the federal government's commitment to supporting regional growth through ARPA.

SCHEDULE:

- **12:15 PM** – Depart lunch en route to Penn State Behrend
- **12:30 PM** – *Open press* walking tour of Penn State Behrend, School of Engineering, and Sustainability Initiatives, featuring **Project RESOLVE** (ARPA-funded)
 - *Jack Burke Research And Economic Development Center*
 - *5101 Jordan Rd, Erie, Pa 16563*
- **1:15 PM** – Depart Penn State Behrend en route to Girard Water Tower
- **1:45 PM** – *Photo Opportunity* at **Girard Water Tower** (ARPA-funded upgrades)
 - *436 Walnut Street, Girard, PA 16417*
- **2:00 PM** – Depart Girard Water Tower en route to Community Resilience Center and Tiny Home Village
- **2:30 PM** – Walkthrough of **Community Resilience Center** and **Proposed Tiny Home Village** (ARPA-supported housing solutions)
 - *450 East 16th Street, Erie, PA 16503*
- **2:45 PM** – *Press Conference* at Community Resilience Center and Tiny Home Village
- **3:15 PM** – Depart Community Resilience Center en route to radio studio
- **3:30 PM** – Interview on **Joel Natale's Radio Show**
 - *429 State Street, Erie, PA 16501*
- **4:00 PM** – Departure en route to Cleveland, Ohio

This visit highlights how Erie County has leveraged ARPA funding to enhance sustainability, upgrade critical infrastructure, and develop affordable housing initiatives. Media are invited to attend the walking tour, photo opportunities, and the press conference.