



December 18, 2007

Senator Arlen Specter  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: Lancaster's Route 30/Harrisburg Pike Improvements**

Dear Senator Specter:

I am writing to you to convey my strong interest in the long-term future of Harrisburg Pike, a major gateway into and out of Lancaster City. As you may know, there is considerable focused attention on this important corridor as several of Lancaster County's most significant companies and institutions have and continue to make major investments to operations along this route.

No where in Lancaster County is there such concentrated public and private sector investment from a broad range of community stakeholders. As a result, the County's Planning Commission has engaged in a fast-paced comprehensive review of traffic and land use along this corridor, with the goal of keeping up with the private sector demand and bringing sound planning principles to the discussion. My organization, a Lancaster City-based community development effort, is an active participant on the core steering committee of the County's planning process, and is also a strong supporter of the smart growth opportunities the Harrisburg Pike corridor presents.

Not only is this corridor home to significant planned and current investment, it also houses several key functions and activities utilized by County-wide residents. From Long's Park and the Main U.S. Post Office to the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's major new facility, Park City Mall and Lancaster General's Women's & Babies Hospital and Health Campus, this corridor serves as a daily stop for a huge number of employees, residents and visitors. Because of its current status and because of the potential growth along this corridor, it is critical that we are assessing new strategies to ensure our infrastructure can accommodate all of the various needs.

The Route 30/Harrisburg Pike interchange is among the key nodes along the corridor that require serious consideration for upgrades that will meet the County's needs for decades.

My sincere thank you for your ongoing consideration and hard work on behalf of Lancaster City and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Lisa Riggs  
President