

# LANCASTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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The Honorable Joseph R. Pitts  
221 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: US Route 30 and PA Route 230 Interchange Funding

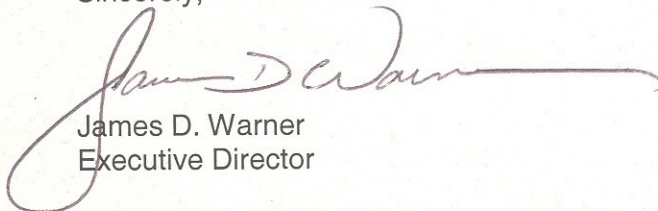
Dear Congressman Pitts:

The Lancaster Solid Waste Management Authority would like to make known its support for the federal funding request submitted for the proposed improvements to the U.S. Route 30 and PA Route 230 interchange located in Manheim Township, Lancaster County. As presently designed, this interchange is failing to safely and effectively handle the traffic flow throughout a normal week, rush hour, weekend, and holiday. Delays at this interchange are persistently longer than a minute, averaging 88.6 seconds.

The Harrisburg Pike corridor from this intersection to the Authority's Transfer Station Complex (located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike) is critical to the movement of over 275,000 tons of waste per year, or about 55% of all the waste disposed in Lancaster County. Our Authority is currently investing \$25,000,000 to upgrade this facility to adequately serve the needs of the community for the next 40 years. At present, this location receives over 82,000 inbound loads of waste per year and will transfer over 12,000 loads outbound to our landfill and resource recovery facility, all through this corridor and intersection. Obviously, the need to efficiently move our transfer trucks through this intersection daily is critical to the long term effectiveness of our transfer operation, and hence, our substantial investment of public funds. We believe the proposed improvements to the interchange of U.S. Route 30 and State Route 230 would not only provide an immediate improvement to the traffic flow through this area, but would also address the inevitable increase of traffic that will occur in future years. I understand that even if no further development occurs, delays are expected to reach 160.7 seconds by the year 2029, more than doubling the current delay. If this were to occur, especially in combination with our projections for increasing waste volumes and deliveries at our facility on Harrisburg Pike, I'm afraid the resulting traffic situation would be unacceptable to all users.

Our Authority is encouraged by the opportunity that has been suggested, and we wholeheartedly support the proposed changes.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director