



March 5, 2008

The Honorable Arlen Specter  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Specter:

Lancaster General Hospital (LGH) appreciates the continued interest and support you have provided for improvements to the proposed Rte 30/Harrisburg Pike and intersection. This high volume corridor represents daily challenges in the transport and travel of patients, physicians, staff, and visitors utilizing Lancaster General's Duke St. Hospital and the many facilities and services provided at our Health Campus which is located on the Harrisburg Pike. The Health Campus includes medical practices, offices, and laboratory facilities, LG's Women and Babies Hospital (WBH), and the Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital. Allow me to provide a brief description of the volume of traffic this represents at the Health Campus:

- 3500 patient visits/ per day at the Health Campus
- Over 1000 employees work at the Health Campus
- Over 40 physician practices are based there including Cardiology, General Surgery, Orthopedics, Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine, Ophthalmology, Dermatology, Pediatrics
- Women and Babies Hospital (WBH) employs an additional 450 staff
- There are 5200 deliveries at WBH annually drawing additional visitors
- Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital has 50 beds, and over 100 employees.
- The Cancer Center at the Health Campus services both in-patients being treated with radiation as well as outpatients, requiring daily ambulance traffic transporting patients between the Campus and LGH (Duke Street).

Additionally, several Emergency Management Service (EMS) organizations also use the Harrisburg Pike daily to respond to 911 calls and routine transport for wheelchair and ambulance patients to, from and between Lancaster General's Duke St. Hospital and the Campus. Lancaster

Emergency Management Service Agency (LEMSA) is the county's largest EMS provider and responded to 26,000 patient calls last year. LEMSA provided the following 30 day data as an example of their most recent utilization and patient transports to the Health Campus.

**February 6 through March 6, 2008**

-Campus Complex Routine transport	459
-Campus Complex 911	37
-Medic 6-12-4	87 (911/routine)
-Other	Approx. 100

For many patients and staff, travel along the Harrisburg Pike is a chronic challenge. In emergency situations, the stakes are much higher. We believe the proposed improvements to this corridor and intersection are vitally important to many interests in the county. Lancaster General considers it central to the safe and timely response and transport of our patients.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and other community partners on this project.

Sincerely,

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