



January 15, 2007

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:


I am writing on behalf of the Mennonite Home Communities to express my support for the Infrastructure & Facilities Improvement Program request for improvements to U.S. Route 30/Harrisburg Pike Corridor in Manheim Township, Lancaster County. Mennonite Home Communities is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), home to 1000 residents and 550 employees.

My tenure at Mennonite Home spans 17 years and in that time, the traffic congestion along Harrisburg Pike has increased dramatically. Our focus is on the seniors and this requires multiple trips to healthcare facilities and doctor visits. A major intersection along this corridor is located adjacent to our property and I have witnessed numerous times traffic gridlock in that intersection. This of course impedes access into and out of our facility by employees, residents, family members and emergency personnel.

The area along Harrisburg Pike has experienced dramatic growth and along with that growth tremendous pressure on the road systems. During peak hours, the intersection at Route 30 and Harrisburg Pike is overwhelmed causing long delays and dangerous driving conditions. Based on new proposals for further development, this situation will only grow worse.

Again, I would like to express my support for the IFIP application for improvements along Route 30 and Harrisburg Pike.

Sincerely,


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