



April 24, 2006

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

Dear Congressman Pitts:

On behalf of the Urban League of Lancaster County, Inc., I would like to pledge support for the federal funding request regarding proposed improvements to the U.S. Route 30 and State Route 230 interchange in Manheim Township. This interchange is in great need of improvement. The congestion that amasses during peak hours causes lengthy delays. With Longs Park, the Park City Mall, and Franklin and Marshall College visitors sharing the same corridor, this high traffic area cannot currently operate efficiently or safely.

While Manheim Township is one of the fastest growing areas in Lancaster County, development prospects are limited across the U.S. Route 30 and the State Route 230 corridor due to the traffic congestion caused by the current status of the interchange. The proposed development, the Crossings at Conestoga Creek, would bring new jobs to Manheim Township, the City of Lancaster, and surrounding areas. At full build out, the development is projected to produce more than 1,500 direct jobs and over 500 induced jobs. The Urban League strongly supports the project's job creation potential, as many of the positions created by the development would be available to our constituency.


The traffic improvements, partnered with the proposed retail development and associated economic impacts will create new employment opportunities in the area while helping to create a safer, more welcoming drive through the U.S. Route 30 and State Route 230 corridors.

Sincerely,

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