



March 4, 2008

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

Dear Senator Specter:

I am writing on behalf of the Urban League of Lancaster County, Inc. to express my gratitude for your leadership in delivering \$1.4 million in federal appropriations for the U.S. 30 / Harrisburg Pike Gateway Corridor project, and to request your continued support of this vital transportation safety and capacity improvement for Lancaster County in fiscal year 2009.

While Manheim Township is one of the fastest growing areas in Lancaster County, development is limited along the U.S. 30 / Harrisburg Pike corridor due to traffic congestion resulting from the current, deficient state of the interchange. For example, should the interchange be improved, it would allow for the development of The Crossings at Conestoga Creek, which would bring approximately 1,500 direct jobs and over 500 induced jobs to the region. The Urban League strongly supports this project's job creation potential, as many of the jobs created by the development would be available to our constituency.

The transportation improvements would pave the way for projects that would create new, family-sustaining job opportunities for the region while helping to create a safer, more welcoming drive through the U.S. 30/Harrisburg Pike Gateway Corridor.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phyllis L. Campbell".

Phyllis L. Campbell
President & CEO