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Chairman Daniel D. Klees
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RE: Route 322 Corridor – Centre County, Harris and Potter Townships

Dear Chairman Klees:

I am in receipt of your correspondence regarding safety issues along the SR 322 corridor in Harris and Potter Townships, Centre County. On behalf of the Pennsylvania State Police, let me assure you that we share in your concerns about the safety of motorists traversing along this highway, as well as the residents that live nearby.

I am pleased to inform you that my office has been working diligently with representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and have recently added SR 322 in Harris and Potter Townships as a designated "Smooth Operator" highway. As you may be aware, the "Smooth Operator" campaign is a public safety initiative designed to combat aggressive driving through education and enforcement. Using the additional funding provided through the "Smooth Operator" campaign, the Pennsylvania State Police will target aggressive driving, to include such offenses as speeding, tailgating, making unsafe lane changes, running red lights and stop signs, passing improperly, and failing to yield the right of way to other traffic.

I have also brought your concerns to the attention of the Station Commander of the Pennsylvania State Police Rockview Station, Sergeant James E. Emigh. Sergeant Emigh has been instructed to have his Troopers increase their presence along this section of highway, especially during their non-obligated regular patrol duties. Sergeant Emigh will also be meeting with Pennsylvania State Senator Jake Corman and Pennsylvania State Representative Kerry Benninghoff on Thursday, November 13, 2008, to further discuss SR 322 safety concerns and issues.

It is my hope that with increased and targeted enforcement and education, along with any physical and operational improvements being planned by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, that we can greatly improve the safety of the motoring public and local residents that travel and reside along SR 322.

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Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any additional comments or concerns which the Pennsylvania State Police may be of assistance. I look forward to working with your agency to improve the safety along this heavily traveled corridor.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Timothy J. Mercer in black ink.

Timothy J. Mercer
Captain PSP
Commander, Troop G

cc: Commissioner
— Governor's Correspondence Office
State Senator Jake Corman
Secretary Allen Biehler