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Daniel D. Klees, Chair
CCMPO Coordinating Committee
Centre Regional Planning Agency
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Dear Chairman Klees:

I write today in response to your correspondence detailing your concerns regarding the safety improvements advancing for the Rt. 322 corridor in Harris and Potter Townships and your request for increased speed enforcement along this particular route. I appreciate hearing from you on this important matter and I am in full support of your position.

I have been in contact with Rockview-Troop G unit in asking them to increase their efforts throughout this corridor and have been assured their presence has increased and will continue to do so. I continue in correspondence with Transportation Secretary Allen Biehler to ensure that the Department provides the best possible safety program within this corridor considering the design limitations it presents.

I agree with your assessment that physical and operational safety improvements are important and needed however altering driver behavior through tougher speed enforcement is paramount in improving the safety of the corridor.

I will continue to support safety improvements along this corridor until fiscal conditions allow for development of a replacement limited access highway.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kerry A. Benninghoff in black ink.
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