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Mr. Tom Zilla
Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization
2643 Gateway Drive, Suite #4
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Re: I-80/Rte. 26 Section A18 Local Access Interchange

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the Spring Township Supervisors, the Township strongly opposes the elimination of the local access interchange at Shay Lane. If this were to occur truck traffic and local traffic would be forced onto local Township roads, that are not designed to handle that weight or volume. Two Township roads would be affected drastically and both currently have posted weight limits.

Both the high speed interchange and local access interchanges have been studied from both an environmental and geometrical stand point and the conclusions are this is the only possible configuration and locations. The existing interchange and Jacksonville Road intersection have a history of crashes and this needs to be addressed with the new interchanges. We believe that most people from the Howard, Beech Creek and Blanchard areas are already traveling Jacksonville Road and that the only additional traffic will be truck traffic from the quarry's, which would occur regardless of the local access interchange.

We fully concur with Marion Township that Jacksonville Road is a dangerous road and fully support improvements to the same. The first phase should be from Exit 161 to the proposed local access interchange at Shay Lane. Later phases should include safety improvements from Shay Lane to the Borough of Howard.

Thank you for your consideration of our position, should you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

William H. MacMath
Township Manager

Cc: Rep. Benninghoff
Rep. Hanna
Sen. Corman
Kevin Kline
Congressman Glenn Thompson