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May 27, 1993

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Mr. George Stanley

Harborcreek, PA 16511

Dear Mr. Stanley:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed East Lake water line extension. I would like to give local residents who will be serviced by this project and who have contacted me recently an update on where things now stand with state approval of a \$177,000 Community Development Block Grant that will help complete financing for Harborcreek Township.

As you probably know, the grant application had to receive approval from the Department of Environmental Resources, Division of Coastal Zone Management. Because of DER's concern about existing bluff erosion problems affecting 18 waterfront properties out of an estimated 250 within the total service area, a delay in approval developed that led many of you to contact me in late April and early May. However, differences between the township and DER over the erosion, both Harborcreek Township and the Division Coastal Zone Management have offered to work with homeowners in dealing with any future problems.

This approval has been given and the grant process is now in the final days of a public comment period by Erie County. By approximately June 10, the application should be received by the Department of Community Affairs, which administers the CDBG program, where it will go through a brief 15-day public comment period. By the end of June, the department should be authorizing release of funds, which will help low-income resident pays their tap-in fees.

I appreciate your concern about this project, which will guarantee a safe drinking water supply in your area. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time regarding state government issues which may concern you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Scrimenti".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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cc: Dave Bossart, Township Supervisor
Mark Corey, Township Engineer

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Ms. Kathy Merski
 [REDACTED]
 Erie, PA 16511

Dear Ms. Merski:

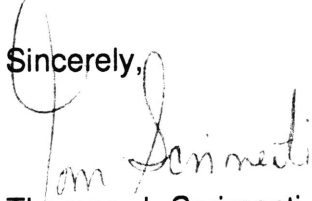
I want to thank you for contacting me about the ongoing Harborcreek East Lake Water Project controversy. Your inquiry raises many valid observations and questions concerning this complex crisis. I appreciate being included in your efforts. As you know, there appears to be much miscommunication surrounding this subject. Questions asked and answers sought have met with confusion and frustration. With this in mind, please know that I emphasize with your situation and share your concerns.

One of the many dangers included within this troublesome situation, albeit somewhat concealed, is an underlying distrust of government. Corrosive suspicion and doubt exists at virtually every level of government and are fueled by skepticism and secrecy. Throughout my public service I have tried to replace the suspicion of government officials and their words with open and full communication. Your inquiry and our exchange our welcome contributions to that effort.

I have written to David Bossart, Chairman of the Harborcreek Township Board of Supervisors, in reference to the water and the sewer project. Currently, I am awaiting his reply. I have enclosed a copy of my appeal to Mr. Bossart for your information. When I receive his response, I will forward it to you for your records.

I want to stress to you that I wholeheartedly plan on pursuing this issue to resolution. The confusion that has plagued this matter has sometimes made it difficult to disseminate facts from fiction. It is my hope and goal that together we can unravel the complexities of components that blockade the path of good government.

Again, I thank you for your input and concern. Should there be anything else which I may do to assist you further, please feel free to contact my office. I look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

 Thomas J. Scrimenti
 State Representative

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April 11, 1994

Mr. David Bossart
Chairman
Harborcreek Township Board of Supervisors
5601 Buffalo Road
Harborcreek, PA 16421

Dear Mr. Bossart:

I write to you in regard to the Harborcreek East Lake Water Project and also the sewage project. You are most likely already aware of the anonymous letter that has been sent to many of my constituents. It is my intention to see that the allegations brought forth by this letter are fully examined.

The Environmental Review, the Department of Community Affairs' Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and all other information surrounding the entire project in general, appears to be quite ambiguous. Many of the questions raised by the aforementioned letter are merely a summation of feelings, observations and insecurities currently felt by those affected by the Harborcreek projects.

I ask that you devote your utmost attention to this matter. I believe, whether intended or not, the public has been exceedingly suspect throughout the entire situation. I believe it would be in the best interest of the community for Harborcreek Township to hold a public meeting to provide a forum for our citizens to air their concerns. It is time to open the lines of communication in each direction.

I ask that you contact my office as soon as possible so that we may begin to seek an equitable and advantageous remedy to this issue. Should there be anything which I may do to assist you, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Scrimenti".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
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House of Representatives
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July 21, 1994

Ms. Karen Moski

████████████████████
North East, PA 16428

Dear Ms. Moski: *-Karen*

I thank you for the copy of your most recent letter to Mr. Marvin Akerly. I sincerely appreciate receiving any updated information with regard to the East Lake Road Water Line Extension Project.

I commend your persistence in seeking a means by which this situation can be rectified. Your resolution and determination are nothing short of gallant.

Unfortunately, at this time I have no developments of which to report. As this situation progresses, I am confident that we will begin to see the complexities unfold that for so long have clouded the quest for getting to the bottom of this issue. The most frustrating component of this entire scenario has been the inability to get straight information. I am confident that this is a phenomenon you have all too often experienced.

Please know that as this situation develops, I will keep in contact with you. I would certainly appreciate your continued correspondence and sharing of any information you may receive from any and all parties involved with this matter. Please keep in contact with me on this most important issue.

Sincerely,
Tom Scrimenti
Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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THE SECRETARY

December 15, 1993

The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
House Post Office Box 96
25B, East Wing
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0028

Dear Representative Scrimenti:

I am responding to your letter of December 2, 1993 concerning the East Lake Road water extension project in Harborcreek Township, Erie County. One of your constituents, ~~Mr. Mosk~~, has expressed concerns with the manner in which this project is being administered by local government. ~~Mr. Mosk's~~ concerns are with environmental and contractual aspects of the project.

This project is being funded with \$117,250 of Department of Community Affairs' Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$1.3 million of local funds. The CDBG funds are to be used to pay tap in fees for low and moderate income residents that will be served by the system.

By letter dated October 4, 1993 the Compliance office of DCA's Bureau of Housing and Development, requested that Erie County officials provide the Department with a copy of the Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the Harborcreek project. Upon receipt, the Compliance office reviewed the ERR to ensure that all the Federal regulations and procedures were followed. DCA's October 4 letter also suggested to County officials that they consider the suspension of further construction activity until the environmental review issues had been thoroughly reviewed and addressed.

The Compliance office's review of the County's ERR did reveal several procedural deficiencies and the County was advised to take corrective action. Based on information submitted by the County, DCA was able to determine that public hearings were held on the project.

As DCA and the County attempt to resolve various issues relating to Environmental Review procedures, the Township has determined to continue construction. The construction contract is between the Township and the contractor. Therefore, DCA has no

The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
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legal basis to require the Township to suspend construction pending the resolution of environmental review requirements.

The \$117,250 of CDBG funds involved in this project are part of a grant made by DCA to Erie County. The County is responsible to DCA for the requirements contained in the grant contract. If the environmental review issues are not adequately resolved, the County will not be permitted to use CDBG funds for any aspect of the project.

Your continued interest in the concerns of your constituents and the Department's programs is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Karen A. Miller
Secretary

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December 1, 1995

Mr. John Bloomstine
Director, PQLF
Insurance Management Company
123 West Ninth Street, Box 1133
Erie, PA 16512-1133

Dear Mr. Bloomstine:

Thank you for your facsimile concerning your support of House Bill 1524. I appreciate the time you took to include me in your efforts. As I hope you know, your input is always sought and welcomed.

As you know, this bill passed the House of Representatives unanimously on November 14, 1995. I was proud to have supported this legislation. I have long been a proponent of a real and meaningful partnership between state government and industry. Part of this partnership includes a business climate which not only convinces businesses to locate in Pennsylvania but also encourages new business creation and existing business expansion. The Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Foundation is an important contributor to such a partnership.

I hope that you will continue to contact me with your opinions and concerns. If there is anything that I can do to assist you and the Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Foundation please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representatives

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Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
 Pennsylvania House of Representatives
 25B E Wing, Seat 96
 Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative:

As a member of the Board of the Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Foundation (PQLF), I urge you to vote in favor of HOUSE BILL 1524. This Bill will enable the foundation to apply, and if granted, receive funds from the Commonwealth.

In 1992, to help Pennsylvania businesses grow as world-class competitors the legislature passed the Pennsylvania Quality Improvement Act. This instituted the Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Awards to recognize Pennsylvania organizations practicing effective quality management.

The Ben Franklin partnership awarded an establishment grant of \$36,000 in 1992. Friends have contributed in excess of \$300,000.

The Vision

For Pennsylvania to strive to be a model of excellence dedicated to fostering Total Quality Management which will ensure that Pennsylvania is the undisputed leader in quality of goods and services and total customer satisfaction.

PQLF operates with one full time and one part time employee and a volunteer board of 16 (with no reimbursement of expenses).

PQLF is an important part of Pennsylvania's economic development program and an ever-improving resource for all types of Pennsylvania organizations. As an example, PennDOT asked me to speak on quality at a meeting attended by 300 staff and contractors in Mars, PA. Things like this are happening!

Industry, will locate and expand where "quality" needs can be met. Quality leadership helps ensure that Pennsylvania businesses survive and grow as world-class competitors.

Pennsylvania needs you to spread the goods news of Quality. Support House Bill 1524.

Best Regards,

John C. Bloomstine
 Director, PQLF



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May 22, 2002

Mobilia Fruit Farms
[REDACTED]
North East, PA 16428

Dear Mobilia Fruit Farms:

As a member of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, I am writing this letter to inform you that Senate Bill 1045, which would amend the Job Enhancement Act to classify agricultural producers as small business enterprises and make them eligible for small business low-interest loans, has recently been reported out of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Under this legislation, agricultural producers would be required to meet loan eligibility requirements similar to those in the current law for other small business enterprises, excepting the employment retention and increase requirement. These low-interest loans can be used for the enhancement and growth of normal agricultural operations.

In addition, if the Governor declares a state of emergency as a result of a natural disaster, which is in effect for at least 10 days, agricultural producers, classified as small business enterprises, can apply for loans at an interest rate not less than two percent.

Following its report out of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, Senate Bill 1045 received first consideration by the House of Representatives. In order to become enacted, this bill must be considered by the full House of Representatives two more times and must also receive the Governor's signature. Please be assured that I will continue to work diligently to get this very important piece of legislation passed so that the many agricultural producers in our area can receive the essential funding they need for the improvement and development of their farms.

I hope you find this information to be useful and beneficial. If I may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative
4th Legislative District

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*Center for Community Action and
Research*

Room W-157, 777 West Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057-4898

Dear Legislator:

Last month, I wrote to request your participation in a survey of members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, asking that you return the survey by August 13. If you have responded to my initial request, please ignore this request. If you have not responded, I am asking you once again to give us the benefits of your opinions.

The survey concerns one of the most important issues Pennsylvania faces – improving the quality of public education – particularly in rural areas because of their unique challenges. *Even if you do not represent a rural area, your opinion is important.*

While I appreciate how busy you are, as well as the need for time with family and friends during the summer, I hope you nevertheless will complete and return the survey as soon as possible. As I pledged in my earlier request, your answers will be held in confidence.

Enclosed is a second copy of the survey. Please take a few minutes to complete it and return it in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Richard Fiene, Ph.D.
Affiliate Assistant Professor of Psychology

Survey of the Members of the General Assembly

1. What is the number of your legislative district?

House district number 4
Senate district number

2. How would you describe your legislative district?

Primarily rural
Primarily urban
Primarily suburban
Mixed rural and suburban ✓
Mixed urban and suburban

Please indicate whether you agree, disagree or have no opinion about the following statements:

3. Public schools in rural communities offer an education that prepares high school graduates to compete successfully against graduates of other schools for admission to college and for jobs in a global marketplace.

Strongly Agree ✓
Agree Somewhat
Disagree Somewhat
Strongly Disagree
No Opinion

4. Public schools in rural communities offer an education that is equal in quality to the education provided by public schools in suburban communities.

Strongly Agree
Agree Somewhat ✓
Disagree Somewhat
Strongly Disagree
No Opinion

5. Public schools in rural communities offer an education that is equal in quality to the education provided by private and religious schools.

Strongly Agree
Agree Somewhat
Disagree Somewhat ✓
Strongly Disagree
No Opinion

6. Policy makers have to choose between small schools that offer more personal attention to students and large schools that offer more educational opportunities for students.

Strongly Agree
Agree Somewhat ✓
Disagree Somewhat
Strongly Disagree
No Opinion

Over, please

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7. Technology now makes it possible for small schools in rural areas to offer the same quality of education as schools in urban and suburban communities.

Strongly Agree _____
Agree Somewhat _____
Disagree Somewhat _____
Strongly Disagree _____
No Opinion _____

8. Pennsylvania's system of funding public education ensures that rural schools have enough money to provide a high-quality education for all students.

Strongly Agree _____
Agree Somewhat _____
Disagree Somewhat _____
Strongly Disagree _____
No Opinion _____

9. A lack of economic opportunity causes many graduates of rural high schools to leave their home communities after graduation.

Strongly Agree _____
Agree Somewhat _____
Disagree Somewhat _____
Strongly Disagree _____
No Opinion _____

10. High property taxes are an obstacle to economic development in rural communities.

Strongly Agree _____
Agree Somewhat _____
Disagree Somewhat _____
Strongly Disagree _____
No Opinion _____

11. The quality of rural public schools is an obstacle to economic development in rural communities.

Strongly Agree _____
Agree Somewhat _____
Disagree Somewhat _____
Strongly Disagree _____
No Opinion _____

12. State government should provide a greater share of total funding for public education to enable lower property taxes and higher quality schools.

Strongly Agree _____
Agree Somewhat _____
Disagree Somewhat _____
Strongly Disagree _____
No Opinion _____

Thank you for responding to this survey!