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Dear Mr. Davin:

I am writing once again to express my continual support of the Harmar Township Board of Supervisors' grant application for Community Infrastructure & Tourism (CITF) funding for the Rich Hill Road Reconstruction Project. As the Allegheny County Council Member who represents neighboring Indiana Township, I am greatly concerned with the project's lack of progress. The residents of the densely populated Indiana region utilize Rich Hill Road on a daily basis to travel to the growing industrial businesses of Harmar, and the poor condition of the road has become the center of much attention in the Indiana community, where the township's council has recently expressed concerns about the advancement of Harmar's grant application.

You must already know of the state of the decaying street, which has not been paved for over 15 years, and how its reconstruction would transform it into a safe roadway within an already valuable network of roads. This would also complement the reconstruction of Deer Creek Bridge Number 5 – scheduled to be completed in 2010 – since Rich Hill Road runs directly through the bridge. Without reconstructing Rich Hill, the bridge's revitalization will have been a useless endeavor.

As a former mayor of a small town, I recognize that this project is in the best interest of the involved communities. I reiterate that I strongly support the grant application. I believe it must be approved and the project completed so the area may retain its impressive growth within our county.

Sincerely,

James R. Burn, Jr.
District 3 Representative

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