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Dear Mr. McClain –

I trust all is well.

I write concerning the intersection of Appleton Road (SR 3007) and Strickersville/Lewisville Road (SR 3006) in Franklin Township, Chester County. As you are aware, this intersection is currently signed as a two-way stop, with traffic on Strickersville/Lewisville Road stopping.

It is my understanding that Franklin Township has asked for a review of this intersection, with an eye towards making this intersection a four-way stop. It is also my understanding that after review, PennDOT has determined that the intersection does not meet the criteria for a four-way stop.

While I recognize and respect that PennDOT adheres to specific standards in the determination of where to place stop signs, I would like you to review the decision to leave the intersection as-is. I strongly recommend the installation of a four-way stop, with stop-line pavement markings, at this intersection as soon as possible for the following reasons:

- The sight line for traffic stopped on westbound Strickersville/Lewisville Road, looking to the left for oncoming northbound traffic on Appleton Road, is poor. A large, historic barn obscures the sight line at the actual placement of the stop sign, requiring traffic to “nose out” a bit into the intersection to get a clear view.
- The sight line for traffic stopped on eastbound Strickersville/Lewisville Road, looking to the left for oncoming southbound traffic on Appleton Road, is poor. A large line of

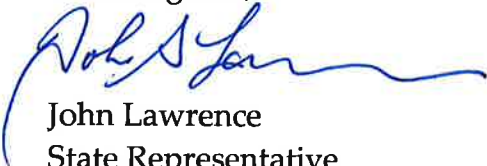
trees obscures the sight line at the actual placement of the stop sign, requiring traffic to “nose out” a bit into the intersection to get a clear view.

- The speed limit on Appleton Road is 40 mph, although many motorists drive faster. Even at 40 mph, traffic on northbound Appleton Road has a difficult time reacting to any unusual situation at this intersection, since the presence of a stopped vehicle on westbound Strickersville/Lewisville Road is blocked, until the last moment, by the aforementioned large, historic barn.
- Traffic on southbound Appleton Road has a difficult time reacting to any unusual situation at this intersection, since the presence of a stopped vehicle on westbound Strickersville/Lewisville Road is frequently blocked by a tall corn crop, and the presence of a stopped vehicle on eastbound Strickersville/Lewisville Road is blocked by the aforementioned line of large trees.
- The intersection has recently seen a dramatic increase in pedestrian crossings with a plain sect family relocating to the property adjoining the area.
- The large, historic barn directly adjoining the intersection has been lightly used for many years. However, the farm has recently been converted into a dairy operation, and the barn is being remodeled to handle this more intensive use. I anticipate milk trucks and other large agricultural vehicles coming through this intersection in greater numbers than in the past.

In addition, while I was in high school, one of our neighbors was involved in a fatal collision at this very intersection. This was a number of years ago, and I am not sure if this fatality shows up in the current statistics utilized by PennDOT. However, it does show that this intersection has been an issue for a long time. Given that history, and the changes outlined in this letter, I strongly believe a four-way stop is not only appropriate, but necessary.

It would be my pleasure to meet with you or one of your staff at this intersection to review the situation in person. I appreciate your thoughtful review, and look forward to working with you to resolve this to the satisfaction of everyone involved.

Kind Regards,



John Lawrence
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cc: John Auerbach, Chairman, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Andy Dinniman, 19th Senatorial District
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