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Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Secretary Leslie Richards
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July 15, 2016

Dear Secretary Richards –

In recent months, we have seen an increase in constituent concerns relating to scheduling a road test to obtain a driver's license. These concerns fall primarily into two categories:

- Those attempting to schedule an appointment for a road test are surprised to learn that a testing time is not available for several months
- Existing testing sites in Lancaster, Frazer, and Granite Run/Media are not convenient for individuals in Southern Chester County

Our constituents have told us that the existing sites are overwhelmed, and that requests to schedule a road test in a more timely manner are not received well by PennDOT staff. It seems that in recent weeks, these constituent concerns have escalated, with many advising that appointments are not available, even six months in advance. One constituent living in Western Chester County was offered a slot for a road test at a testing site near Pittsburgh, with the stipulation that it was "the only thing available" in the next week.

With this in mind, we request a meeting with you to discuss possible remedies to the situation, including but not limited to:

- Opening an additional testing facility in Chester County, perhaps in West Chester or Avondale
- Increasing the hours of operation of the existing facilities
- Increasing the number of appointments available at any given time by providing additional slots

- Expanding the existing pilot program for non-commercial driving skills tests at third-party sites to Chester County

We welcome the opportunity to work with you to resolve this situation to everyone's satisfaction, and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future on this matter. Thank you for your continued service to the people of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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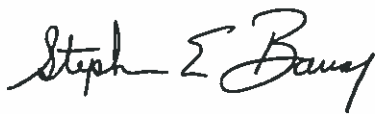
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