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June 25, 2017

Mr. Dennis M. Davin, Secretary  
PA Department of Community and Economic Development  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
400 North Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Dear Secretary Davin,

On May 31, 2016, I sent your office a letter supporting the Chester County Economic Development Council and Constitution Drive L.P. for an application to be awarded funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Community Development Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP). However, since then, information has come to light that raises serious questions that must be resolved prior to my being able to provide support for any application related to the former Bishop Tube property.

Recent community meetings and constituent inquiries regarding the scale and scope of this application have raised my level of concern regarding the community impacts of this project. Specifically, it has come to my attention that the developer has proposed to direct ISRP funding toward a partial environmental remediation of this highly contaminated HSCA site in East Whiteland Township (Chester County). Further, through numerous conversations with DEP, it is my understanding that responsible state agencies may not fully realize the degree and location of environmental contaminant at the proposed development site. In fact, it has come to my attention that DEP sent a letter dated June 20, 2017 concerning a corroded pipe on the property that is leaking dangerous liquids directly into Little Valley Creek. As State Senator representing constituents of East Whiteland Township, I am deeply concerned by this information and must immediately suspend my support for ISRP funding until such time that these questions are resolved.

As you may be aware, for many years I have worked with and encouraged department officials to remediate the former Bishop Tube property; both in my responsibilities as State Senator as well as Chester County Commissioner. With this in mind, I can only support utilizing DCED funding for remediation efforts in East Whiteland Township following a detailed investigation that ensures a comprehensive awareness of the location and degree of all contamination and provided that these plans include a full and complete cleanup of this site. It is my strong belief that any application for any developer that does not meet both requirements simply encourages development at the expense of current and future residents' health and safety. This is unacceptable.

I thank you in advance for your due diligence associated with this project and welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy E. Dinniman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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