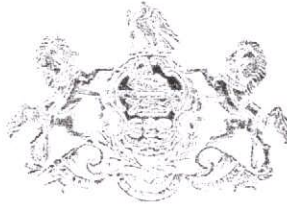


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Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Joe Casey
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**RE: MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKING GARAGE
4TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

Dear Mr. Casey:

I write to add a dissenting voice to SEPTA's proposed plan to construct a 600 space parking garage near Glenside and Greenwood Avenues, Wyncote, Pennsylvania.

To build such an edifice presents multiple problems that will impact the quality of life for my constituents, including upsetting a nearby bird sanctuary, increased traffic through neighborhoods whose thoroughfares are not designed for this volume of traffic flow, and increased crime. Even before this construction has begun, there have been at least two documented incidents of armed robbery.

I share in the concern that if this garage is built, smaller SEPTA stations along this and other routes will be closed, thus further increasing the level of traffic and crime in this beautiful neighborhood. Additionally, with potential closures of stations within walking distance, SEPTA passengers who do not own automobiles will have no means of transportation to the larger station.

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Historically, projects undertaken by SEPTA have run into scheduling difficulties connected with their completion, thus causing displacements and financial hardships to individuals and businesses located within SEPTA construction areas. All of these scenarios are unacceptable to me and the constituents that I serve.

For these reasons, I ask that you reconsider this proposal, using current research to generate a solution that will serve the dual purposes of making improvements and enhancements to SEPTA stations without destroying the character of residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



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4th Senatorial District
Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties

cc: The Honorable Lawrence Curry
154th Legislative District

The Honorable Gregory Wall
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