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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

April 14, 2009

Robert Croushore, Robert Belch and Daniel Shimshock
German Township Supervisors
2 Long Street
McClellandtown, PA 15458

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to reiterate my strong support for the placement of the new state prison in German Township, as originally envisioned by the state Department of Corrections and Department of General Services when the project was announced last fall.

As I said in the April 11 Herald Standard, "It has always been my intention for the facility to be in German Township and that it be used to provide over 700 jobs, enhance the housing stock in Masontown Borough and German Township at large and make enhancements in the water and sewer dynamics in the township."

The infrastructure and job benefits of this prison will be of immense benefit to your township. As such, I would appreciate your continued support for the placement of the facility in German Township.

While I understand the need for the state to use a competitive process regarding site selection, it remains my strong preference that the new state prison be constructed in the township where public meetings on the project have already been held. Rest assured that I will be working assiduously in Harrisburg and in the 50th District to make the prison a reality in German Township.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill DeWeese".

Bill DeWeese
Majority Whip
50th Legislative District