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Hon. Jerry Green, Assemblyman
17 Watchung Ave.
Plainfield, NJ 07060

Subject: A-128, Grants county planning board power to review site plans for land development affecting county roads.

Dear Assemblyman Green:

The Morris County Planning Board does hereby express its support for Assembly Bill A128, introduced on January 12, 2010 and referred to the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee. This Bill amends the New Jersey County and Regional Planning Enabling Act (N.J.S. 40:47-1 et seq.), correcting a long-standing inconsistency in the Enabling Act.

The Enabling Act presently gives the county planning board the authority to review and approve subdivisions of land affecting county road or drainage facilities. (N.J.S. 40:27-6.2) However, the present statute only allows county planning boards the authority to review site plans for land development along county roads (N.J.S. 40:27-6.6).

Depending on the intensity of use, site plans may have greater impacts on county roads than subdivisions. Passage of A128 will give county planning boards the authority to review site plans affecting county roads and ensure that the plan provides for a safe and efficient road system in the same manner as the review of subdivisions.

The Morris County Planning Board urges the Legislature to act favorably on Assembly Bill A128 and eliminate this discrepancy.

Yours truly,

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