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To Property Owner:

PennDOT's design team has been made aware that property owners along the proposed corridor alternatives for the State College Are Connector may have received a letter from a lawyer, Mr. Faherty, or may be receiving a letter in the future. We believe the information is intentionally misleading and misrepresents information regarding the alternatives being considered for the project.

If you receive a letter and a map referencing your property, we would like to point out the following:

First, regarding the present status of the project, this project is only in the Planning and Environmental Linkage ("PEL") study stage. The PEL Study is a high-level, early planning study that considers environmental, community and economic impacts early in the planning stage. The PEL document recommends three different alignment corridors for additional consideration. Detailed environmental and engineering studies of the alternatives has not been completed at this time. Therefore, it is impossible to identify specific property limits that may be required for the construction of this project. Mr. Feherty implies that the "attached plan" he provided to you was created based on current PennDOT project related information. I want to assure you that we are still evaluating the corridors areas and refining our studies and that the red area designated by Mr. Feherty does not represent any official property information that we have developed. The Department expects to have more accurate information related to the required right-of-way in the next 1 to 2 years.

Second, Mr. Faherty stated that "land agents may have provided you with false information." Over the last three years, the Department's Design Team has been working to gather as much information related to the study area as possible, this included holding four separate public meeting to provide current and accurate information to the public and also obtain feedback from local residences. We have had our Right-of-Way staff at these meetings to answer questions. In most cases, they provided people with our PennDOT Publication 83 that provides answers to questions related to the right-of-way acquisition process for transportation purposes. As noted above, specific impacts to individual properties are not available at this time. We will continue to update affected property owners as we advance through the design process

Attorneys are required to abide by a set of minimum ethical standards called the Rules of Professional Conduct when engaged in the practice of law. If you believe Mr. Faherty has violated his ethical duties by sending you this unsolicited mailer which includes inaccurate information, you can file a complaint with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. They have an

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online complaint form on their website, <https://www.padisciplinaryboard.org/for-the-public/file-complaint>. If you prefer, you can also find the complaint package at <https://www.padisciplinaryboard.org/Storage/media/pdfs/20220610/142335-complaintpackage2022.06.09.pdf> and mail the complaint to the District III Office, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 5800, P.O. Box 62675, Harrisburg, PA 17106-2675.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the present status of the project, the Department's communications, or the Department's publicly available plans, please refer to our project website, [www.penndot.pa.gov/scac](http://www.penndot.pa.gov/scac), or contact me using the information below.

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