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Sam Bressi Lancaster County Community Foundation, President & CEO 24 W. King St, Suite 201 Lancaster, PA 17603

Dear Mr. Bressi,

I am pleased to offer my support for Set Point Tennis Organization (SPTO) and their efforts to locate in Lancaster County. SPTO is an evidence-based program that targets and assists at-risk youth in developing life skills and ultimately reducing recidivism rates. Last year I had the pleasure of meeting with Michael Murphy, President of Set Point Tennis Organization (SPTO), to discuss his program and vision for Lancaster County.

The mission of SPTO, a 501©(3) non-profit organization currently located in Berks County, is to work with atrisk youth to set educational goals, identify career opportunities and develop life skills. It achieves this by providing a positive outlet via its tennis program that is assisted by peer mentors and frequented by respected community leaders. The program serves youth from ages 6 to 18 and runs year-round.

After witnessing the success that similar programs, such as the Bench Mark Program, have had with our county's at-risk population, and recognizing the support that SPTO has earned from the Berks County District Attorney, County Commissioners and local legislators, I am confident that this program would be another great asset for our youth, our community and our child serving system. During your review process, I respectfully ask that you give full consideration to their application.

If you would like to discuss my thoughts on this program further, please do not hesitate to contact me at my District Office at 717-397-1309 or via email at smartin@pasen.gov.

Thank you for taking the time to review this request.

Sincerely,

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