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Dear Neighbor,

As the elected officials representing you in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, we take seriously our role of helping to make our community a better place to live. Over the years, we have both heard from residents about the ongoing issues surrounding the Woodbourne Train Station.

Historically, as you may be aware, the crossing at the Woodbourne Train Station is often impacted by blocked crossings and idling of CSX trains.

While the Federal Railroad Administration, under the U.S. Department of Transportation, has jurisdiction over these issues we have been working closely with our federal counterparts while also exploring what avenues may be to our avail at the state level. We have met with CSX numerous times, explored legislative options at the state level and advocated for possible solutions.

Through federal legislation, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation was able to apply for a grant through the Federal Railroad Administration to study the impacts and effects of crossings. The department picked three crossings to study in the entire Commonwealth. We are pleased to share two of the three crossings chosen for the study are the Township Line and Woodbourne Road crossings. We have been in communication with PennDOT and understand this study is finally moving forward, they executed the grant agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration and selected a consultant to administer the study. We also have been working closely with Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick on this important issue, who was instrumental in securing the funding for the study.

As more information on the study becomes available, we will be sure to share it with the community. While not a solution, this is a step in the right direction to begin to bring state and national attention to this issue and therefore hopefully come up with a permanent solution to solve this problem.

Currently, please feel free to direct any complaints about this issue, including blocked crossings and idling trains to the Federal Railroad Administration at <https://railroads.dot.gov/railroad-safety/federal-railroad-administration-alleged-violation-reporting-form>.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to either of our offices should you have any questions on this or any other state related issues.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Frank A. Farry in black ink.

Frank A. Farry
Senator
6th Senatorial District

Handwritten signature of Joe Hogan in blue ink.

Joe Hogan
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