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Dear Ms. Paquin,

As State Representative for the greater Southern Chester County area, a great deal of information comes across my desk concerning any number of issues. Recently, I have received numerous calls, emails, and even personal visits from constituents regarding Camp Tweedale. As you are aware, the camp is slated to be closed and sold in the next year.

To obtain some additional background on the situation, I attended the forum held several weeks ago at the Mendenhall Inn. As one who has attended quite a few presentations on various topics over the years, I was very impressed with the quality of the material presented by the local Girl Scout community of Southern Chester County. The facts presented, the method in which they were presented, and the professionalism of the presenters themselves was top-notch. Personally, I believe the evening contained a carefully constructed, well conceived, and very compelling case for the continued operation of the camp.

Certainly, the fate of Camp Tweedale is an internal matter to be decided by the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania. I respect the detailed research performed by GSEP on this issue, and I appreciate your position in determining the way forward for scouting in our area. However, let me add my voice to the chorus asking you and the board to reconsider the sale of this local treasure. It is my belief that Camp Tweedale is an invaluable and irreplaceable part of the Girl Scout experience in Chester County.

It would be my great pleasure to discuss this matter in additional detail with you at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the Jennersville office to set up an appointment at a mutually convenient time. I would be happy to meet you here in Jennersville, at your office, or at the camp. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Lawrence".

John Lawrence
State Representative
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cc: Interested Parties