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March 9, 2016

Senator Lloyd Smucker
Majority Chair, Senate Education Committee
351 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Lloyd,

I know you are aware of the situation in my district regarding Conestoga High School and the criminal charges brought against several members of the football team for their alleged involvement in a hazing ritual that took place in the school.

The House passed an anti-hazing bill, HB 1574, which is now in the Senate Education Committee. That bill would broaden the current anti-hazing law that applies to institutions of higher education to include schools that encompass grades 7 through 12.

While the Conestoga High situation was criminal in action, broadening anti-hazing statutes would be a preventive measure that could go a long way to deter hazing from reaching the serious criminal level it did at Conestoga.

It would be an excellent idea if you would, as Majority Chairman, bring HB 1574 before the Committee for a vote, so that it can go to the full Senate for consideration.

Also, please know that I will be presenting an amendment to HB 1574 that will require schools to provide their coaches with a written copy of their anti-hazing policy, their program of enforcement, and the penalties for violations of such rules. In addition, schools will be required to provide coaches with information regarding the dangers of hazing.

Finally, I want to thank you for talking with me about this issue. I, and the citizens of Chester County, are grateful for your positive response and genuine concern about hazing and the need for legislative action on this issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy".

Andy Dinniman
Minority Chair
Senate Education Committee

Cc: Kelly Phenicie