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Bob Fenton
Senior Official Performing the Duties of FEMA Administrator
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Dear Mr. Fenton:

I am writing to express my full support for the Penn Lake Borough's application for funds to reconstruct their dam which has been deemed a high hazard. I hope you can appreciate the potential for the Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) program to help them with this vital project.

The dam was deemed unsafe by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). It needs to be reconstructed or decommissioned and the lake drained, which would be a blight on the community. The DEP offered to postpone decommissioning to give Penn Lake residents time to raise funds and to complete the reconstruction. BIRC funding can help them reach their goal.

The residents of Penn Lake Borough are eager to protect their scenic and popular community that is defined by the recreation and routines afforded by lake access. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am a strong advocate for programs that help communities not only protect and enhance their quality of life, but also ensure a stable and secure infrastructure.

I am hopeful you will see the capability and benefits I see and will give full and fair consideration of Penn Lake Borough's application in compliance with all applicable law and regulation. Please send questions and correspondence on the final decision to my Economic Development Director, April Niver at 484-523-5314 or April.niver@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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CC: Jill Rosenstock, Penn Lake Borough Council