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January 5, 2012

The Honorable Dominic Pileggi
Senate of Pennsylvania
350 Main Capitol Building
Senate Box 203009
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3009

Dear Senator Pileggi:

I am writing in response to your December 15, 2011, correspondence in which you expressed your concern regarding Sunoco and Conoco-Phillips refinery closures and your support for a United States Department of Labor National Emergency Grant application.

Please be assured that my administration and I share your concern about the closure of the refineries and the impact on the local economy and the families affected by the closures.

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) will submit a National Emergency Grant Application to the United States Department of Labor. L&I is currently coordinating efforts with local workforce investment boards (WIB) to gather the required information to complete the application process. These additional funds will support Career Training programs, on-the-job training programs with employers, and on-going career counseling and transition assistance. Some of these services would take place at an on-site transition center. To date L&I has:

- Awarded \$200,000 in federal Rapid Response funds to the Delaware County WIB to start services on-site at Conoco-Phillips. These services include Career Counseling, Job Search Workshops, tuition for training programs and Resume Development.
- Implemented a Rapid Response program and customized a survey to help workers file for unemployment benefits and other transition services.
- Mobilized key staff from the local PA Careerlinks®, USDOL Employee Benefits Security Administration, United Way and the Unemployment Compensation division to host on-site information sessions for the impacted workers. These meetings are now scheduled throughout December and January for Conoco-Phillips and Sunoco.

The National Emergency Grant will provide the Commonwealth and local workforce investment boards funding to provide the impacted workers with critical services during this transition.

I appreciate your support. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Annmarie Kaiser at 717-787-2531.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Corbett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

TOM CORBETT
Governor