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State Representative Stan Saylor 245 Main Capitol Building Post Office Box 202094 Harrisburg, PA 17120-2094

RE: Miracle Field for Disabled Children & Adults, Horsham, PA; horshammiraclefield.com

Dear Representative Saylor,

Please, allow me to take a few moments of your time to tell you about this exciting project led by Bill and Coleen Slaymaker, a local couple devoted to assisting children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities to routinely exercise, learn baseball, and enjoy sportsmanship. They are dedicated to advancing the Horsham Little League's 27 years of special needs outreach in this endeavor. Now an established non-profit organization, when I was in high school, I had the privilege of volunteering with this group and can vouch for their purpose and success.

Once the surrounding community becomes aware of the plan to build a new baseball Miracle Field, they expect to draw increased child, and adult, participation, expanding their mission to enhance the lives of special needs children, their parents, and veterans throughout Bucks and Montgomery counties.

That is why I enthusiastically endorse this initiative – and hope you do too.

This small non-profit has certainly generated a positive community effort. Horsham Township has already donated land at Deep Meadow Park in Horsham, and promised to contribute an estimated \$400,000 in park improvements to support the project. Since 1995, Horsham Little League has been hosting the Challenger Division baseball program. Currently, the league has approximately 60 - 100 special needs children across Montgomery and Bucks counties participate annually fostering camaraderie by playing baseball with others facing similar challenges.

Today the goal of this group is to build this baseball Miracle Field at Deep Meadow Park with a specifically designed ADA compliant surface to improve playing conditions for people using wheelchairs and walkers, allowing them to move more easily. Two new bathrooms will also be part of the park improvements.

As a side note, Miracle Field of Horsham, PA is a PA Non-Profit 501(c)3 Corporation and has an appropriation included in Senate Bill 915, page 321, lines 10 - 18.

Join me in supporting the Miracle Field Slogan and "Let's do something amazing!"

Sincerely,

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