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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is as follow-up to an incident which has been brought to our attention by a resident of Longswamp Township at a regular meeting held September 9, 2008. The resident reported that he encountered a group of 100 to 150 bicyclists at the corner of Butz Road and Mertztown Road in Macungie Township whereby none of the cyclists stopped at the stop sign going onto Mertztown Road. He then got into the pack about midway down the ¼ mile long procession and followed the group into Longswamp Township. The group of cyclists went thru a stop sign again at the corner of Kennedy Avenue and Mertztown Road. The cyclists then began passing the resident's car on both the right and left-hand sides for approximately two to three minutes. At times, they were riding two to three abreast and occasionally in the on-coming traffic lane. In summary, it was reported to us that they had complete disregard to any traffic signs and did not follow the rules of the road.

The Board is truly concerned of everyone's safety and request any large bicycle parties have some sort of police traffic escort. This issue also was brought to the attention of Lt. Thomas McDaniel, of the Pennsylvania State Police Reading Barracks, who was in attendance of this Board Meeting on September 9, 2008 for other issues; however, he suggested we send a letter to your group reminding bicyclists of the rules of the road as well address our safety concerns.

Lastly, please accept our apologies if our letter of this particular incident finds it's way to you in error; however, we feel it is an important reminder to everyone regardless and perhaps you can also forward copy of this onto any other groups who may have an vested interest.

We thank you kindly for your co-operation and notification with any future events and look forward to all bicyclists, as well as vehicles, safely enjoying the beautiful roads of Longswamp Township and all of the Lehigh/Berks County region.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Longswamp Township

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cc: Lt. Thomas McDaniel
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