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Michael P. Alberts Executive Director Johnstown Housing Authority (JHA) 501 Chestnut St. Johnstown, PA 15906

Dear Mr. Alberts:

I am writing regarding property owned by the Johnstown Housing Authority, specifically 6.14 acres of vacant land at the end of Bantel Street near the edge of the City of Johnstown. I have received several calls from upset constituents regarding this property and the JHA's plans for this land.

To address these concerns, I am requesting information about any current or future plans for this property. Specifically, I would like to know whether there are any plans for public housing development or other uses that may impact the surrounding community. Cambria County does not need any more public housing units, as we already have enough to fill local demand. We need to stop the influx of people from areas like Philadelphia, who only come here seeking Section 8 vouchers.

Also, I am requesting a listing of all property owned by the JHA. This information will help my office better respond to constituent concerns while keeping our community in the loop about potential changes to this property.

I would greatly appreciate any details you can provide at your earliest convenience. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Frank Burns State Representative 72<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District