Centerville
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Priority Development & Advocacy Committee
Dayton Development Coalition
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Dear PDAC Committee Members:

On behalf of the Centerville Police Department, I fully support the plan to extend Dimco Way to the campus of Centerville High School. As a department, we have partnered with Centerville Schools on a variety of projects to improve the safety and security of students and staff. One of the major challenges we have faced is the high volume of traffic traveling to and from Centerville High School on school days and during special events. The primary ingress and egress points for the school are along East Franklin Street and a secondary route is a narrow driveway into a neighborhood to the west of the property.

There are approximately 3,000 students and staff at the high school on a daily basis and up to 10,000 participants during events at the football stadium. This has been a challenge over the years as we've tried to identify more efficient ways to clear the parking lot safely and quickly. For example, it takes about 45 minutes of constant traffic flow to empty the lot using East Franklin Street. We are confident that length of time could be reduced significantly with the addition of an access point on Dimco Way. The extension will also be beneficial for our officers and members of the Washington Township Fire Department as it provides an alternate route to and from the school during emergencies. In conjunction with school administration, we have an evacuation plan in place and an additional route will improve the overall process.

The Centerville Police Department strongly supports the plan to extend Dimco Way from Clyo Road to the Centerville High School and appreciate the thoughtful consideration of the committee to award funding to complete this important project.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Brown
Chief of Police

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