

UPPER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

LEHIGH COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 79-14

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Upper Saucon, Lehigh County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, contend that the full environmental, social and economic impact on the residents of all the municipalities to be traversed by the proposed Interstate 78 has not been fully considered by those who prepared the Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, the prime farmland now existing along the proposed corridor of the Interstate Highway System will no longer be available for farmland and is in direct conflict with public interest, especially now that municipalities and governments are starting to look at means of maintaining farmland rather than destroying it, because it is a resource that cannot be replenished once it is lost; and

WHEREAS, the proposed corridor will be contrary to the longrange plan of the Joint Planning Commission of Lehigh and Northampton Counties in that it will tend to foster growth and development outside the existing corridor of development in the Lehigh-Northampton County region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed corridor will reduce the potential for meaningful mass transit in the Lehigh Valley by further tending to disperse the population; and

WHEREAS, the proposed corridor will increase the private means of conveyance and the attendant increase in the consumption of petroleum which is directly against our National interest; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania already lacks sufficient funds to maintain its present highway network, and the increased mileage of roadway will place an additional financial burden on all the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion by Lyle H. Kershner, seconded by Charles V. Ruppert, be and it is hereby resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Upper Saucon, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strongly recommend that the proposed Interstate 78 not be constructed either in the Southern Corridor or any of the other lesser considered corridors.

ADOPTED this Eleventh day of December, 1979.

UPPER SAUCON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary-Treasurer