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To: The Milford Borough Council

Out of respect for the meeting that was held at the Tom Quick Inn on June 25, 2003, we delayed the presentation to you of our position paper on the Tom Quick Monument. We believe that the meeting validated the need for a formal process to resolve the issues and therefore, we are now presenting our plan to you. We believe that we are faced with a human relations problem which needs a human relations solution.

Tri-State Unity Coalition is a non-political, non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to celebrating diversity, promoting human rights, creating a moral barrier to hate, and enhancing community harmony in Pike County, Pennsylvania. We are members of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, we are funded by the United Way of Pike County, and as a 501(c)3 organization, we are able to receive tax deductible contributions and seek funds through grants to support our work in the community. We believe that we can bring together the necessary resources to achieve a comprehensive, inclusive, and enduring solution.

We hope that the Milford Borough Council will join us to facilitate the work of the committee that we are forming to resolve the issues as outlined in the attached position paper. We anticipate that the committee will require about three months to complete its work and make its recommendations to you. We request that the Milford Borough Council postpone any decisions about the monument or the issues associated with it until the recommendations are made.

The Milford Borough Council is successfully following a similar process with the Pike County Historic Trust and its Milford Enhancement Committee. Preserving the physical historical character of Milford, improving the streetscapes, and recognizing historical landmarks are important objectives of that non-profit organization. Community harmony, celebrating diversity, and promoting human rights are important objectives of Tri-State Unity Coalition. As the only non-profit organization in Pike County specifically dedicated to these ideals, we offer our services to resolve the issues related to the Tom Quick Monument and we urge you to work with us to achieve positive results.

Sincerely yours,

Norm Gasbarro, Ed.D.
Chair, Board of Directors

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