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To: Milford Borough Council

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal concerning the Tom Quick Monument at the Milford Borough Council meeting in July. We sought simply to define a process to a solution that would be inclusive and public. We were unaware of any plans by the Borough Council until the July council meeting.

We wish to clarify the following:

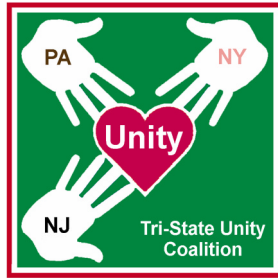
TSUC is not affiliated with the Native American Historical Truth Association.

The *Dispatch* reported a news story on February 6, 2003 concerning proposals to extend the current mini-park containing the headstone memorial to Georgianna Kiger and stated the following: "The committee [the Milford Enhancement Committee] is seeking to expand Georgianna Kiger Park to include all of upper Broad from the Columns Museum to Sarah Street and close it off to vehicular traffic." The proposed extension of the park would be almost to the very location of the monument. The Milford Enhancement Committee is affiliated with and functions under the authority of the Borough Council.

TSUC indicated our non-profit status in news releases, to the Council and others as a mechanism to identify funds for a solution that included TSUC's participation. TSUC has never solicited or requested monies related to or for the Tom Quick Monument.

We chose not to comment during the June 25th meeting at the Tom Quick Inn out of respect for a public process to allow others free and open input on this matter. This meeting was sponsored by the Pike County Historical Society (PCHS) and owners of Tom Quick Inn. We were not aware that the Borough Council would be working with the PCHS on this issue since it wasn't stated until the Borough Council meeting in July. Furthermore, we had already voiced our opinion at our public meeting in May at which a Borough Council member was in attendance.

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We appreciated your comments at the July council meeting that our proposal to a solution was well written. At the July meeting, the Borough Council indicated that they work with the PCHS but would also consider other public comments. Our hope is that process to a resolution chosen by the PCHS and Council will bring about a comprehensive and lasting solution and will be made with appropriate representatives of the Delaware Indians.

We are pleased that the Council is seeking resolution to the monument issues and will consider public opinion. Therefore, TSUC will defer plans to form a committee at this time. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance in this matter.

Thank you,

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