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Dr. William P. Stropkaj  
Superintendent  
Keystone Oaks School District  
1000 Kelton Avenue  
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Dear Dr. Stropkaj,

As you may recall, late last year you met with Chief Aaron Lauth from our Police Department to discuss the relocation of our indoor shooting range to a new facility that will be constructed near the Mt. Lebanon Golf Course on Pine Avenue. This project continues to progress and I wanted to make contact with you regarding your previous discussions with Chief Lauth concerning the "Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990."

The new indoor shooting range facility is set to be constructed on the eastern end of the lower parking lot for the golf course located off of Pine Avenue. The footprint of this building will be located approximately 650 feet from Myrtle Elementary School in Castle Shannon. Since this distance puts the new facility within the established 1000-foot radius of the school property, as is prescribed in the Gun-Free School Zones Act, certain considerations must be taken into account.

Specifically included in the language of the Gun-Free School Zones Act is reference to the Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44, which provides in pertinent parts as follows:

18 U.S.C. 922(q)(3)

*(3)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), it shall be unlawful for any person, knowingly or with reckless disregard for the safety of another, to discharge or attempt to discharge a firearm that has moved in or that otherwise affects interstate or foreign commerce at a place that the person knows is a school zone.*

*(B) Subparagraph (A) does not apply to the discharge of a firearm—*



- (i) on private property not part of school grounds;*
- (ii) as part of a program approved by a school in the school zone, by an individual who is participating in the program;*
- (iii) by an individual in accordance with a contract entered into between a school in a school zone and the individual or an employer of the individual; or*
- (iv) by a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity.*

There are also similar provisions in section 922(q)(2) relating to possession in a school zone.

Mt. Lebanon is proposing a program which we are asking the School District to approve. The majority of the activity in this program that will occur at the indoor shooting range will consist of law enforcement officers engaged in training exercises, which is already provided for as an exception to the 1000-foot restriction. It is anticipated that law enforcement officers from jurisdictions other than Mt. Lebanon will utilize the proposed facility.

Other than law enforcement training, plans are in place for the indoor range to be used by members of the Mt. Lebanon High School Rifle Team and by participants of Firearms Safety Classes organized through the Mt. Lebanon Recreation Department. The Gun-Free School Zones Act does not provide specific exceptions for these types of programs, however the Act does allow for these types of activities as long as certain approvals are granted. Subsections (ii) and (iii) listed above provide exceptions for programs approved by the affected school and allow for a contract to be established between the school and individuals participating in approved programs, respectively. In order to maintain the highest level of safety, for activities other than law enforcement training, all use of the facility will require the direct supervision of a National Rifle Association (NRA) certified instructor and/or a WPIAL / PIAA credentialed Rifle Team coach. This facility will not be open to the general public.

For your further knowledge and consideration, the design and construction of this building will take into account all recommendations and best practices related to indoor



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shooting facilities. The shooting range area will be completely enclosed on all sides to create a complete sealed envelope that no projectiles can penetrate.

In conclusion, the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon is officially requesting approval from the Keystone Oaks School District for the above described activities to take place at the proposed indoor shooting range facility. This approval will be considered as formal authorization for the program listed above for nonexempt non-law enforcement programs per the exceptions enumerated in the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith McGill".

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