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Dear West Caln Township Board of Supervisors:

I am writing this letter to respectfully request your consideration of permitting the implementation and execution of a Half Marathon (with an embedded 5k), to take place within your township, during the month of May 2015.

Our county has experienced many tragedies in the last few weeks. One of these tragedies is of a very personal nature to me, and that would be the untimely and heartbreaking passing of Jacinda Miller.

Jacinda is so many things to me: teacher, mentor, co-worker, best friend, confidant, running partner. The "running partner" aspect is vital to my request-we have trained for many, many long-distance events together. Hours upon hours of running, at times with others joining us, but many more times just she and I running and talking and sharing our lives with each other (running partners are true "partners," you have to really like the other person). West Caln Township boasted some of our longest training runs...14 miles, 18 miles, even upwards of 20 miles (yes, we ran the entire time...hours upon hours).

Losing her has been devastating to so many, in so many ways. She has two sons, ages 17 and 11. Grant, who is 17, is a senior at CASH. Jacinda was so concerned about making sure Grant goes to college, and she was very worried about how she was going to pay for it. If you are familiar with Jacinda's story, you may know that a fund for her boys has been established at TD Bank. As she is one of my very best friends, it is my goal to fundraise for this fund as much as possible to ensure her boys are provided for. To ensure that Grant goes to college, as Jacinda wanted. As her running partner, I feel a race in her honor would be an amazing way to carry on her memory. She touched so many lives. An event like this would be a phenomenal fundraiser. My race Co-Directors and I are currently partnered with the Chester County Running Store to plan the race, provided we can validate the event with your Township. Please note that there is insurance in place for this event through the Chester County Running Store.

I selected West Caln Township not only for its scenic beauty, but mainly because Jacinda and I have run every road on this proposed route. These are our "stomping grounds." Please consider my humble request for a 13.1 mile loop (with an embedded 3.1 miles for the non-distance runners), tentatively titled "The Chester County Half Marathon/Memorial 5k." Currently there are no half-marathons in Chester County, so this has immediate potential to be a successful event. The route would involve the following roads: Reservoir Rd., King's Highway, Sandy Hill Rd., Telegraph Rd., Birdell Rd., Cedar Knoll, Park Rd., Wagontown Rd., Zaleski Rd., Morris Rd., and Water Works Rd.

The route is open to suggestion and can be changed if deemed necessary. We are respectfully requesting the date of May 17, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,  
Jessica A. Rigo  
Race Director