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REMARKS ON THE USA PATRIOT ACT

Monday, April 19, 2004

3:05 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Hershey, Pennsylvania

John Gordon / Karl Rove

I. PURPOSE

To deliver remarks on the USA PATRIOT Act.

II. BACKGROUND

Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors

You will deliver remarks at the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors 82nd Annual Convention. In attendance will be about 2,500 conference attendees, including township supervisors, first responders, and other state and local officials.

Pennsylvania is divided into more than 1,450 townships. Each township is governed by a board of three or five supervisors elected at large by the voters for a six-year term. Township supervisors are responsible for oversight of public safety and emergency services, and the board of supervisors serves as the township's legislative body, setting policy, enacting local ordinances, adopting budgets, and levying taxes. The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors represents its members before the state and Federal legislative bodies on a nonpartisan basis.

USA PATRIOT Act

In your radio address Saturday and in your 2004 State of the Union address, you called on Congress to renew provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act that are set to expire next year and to allow law enforcement to continue fighting terrorism with the best investigative tools available.

On September 10, 2003, in a speech at the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia, you also highlighted the need to identify and address further gaps in the tools available to law enforcement to investigate and prosecute terrorists. You called on Congress to provide terrorism investigators with some of the same tools that fraud, narcotics, and other investigators already have.

Note: Today's event is in Congressman Tim Holden's (D, PA-17) district, and he will attend.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Donna Mindek, First Vice President, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (will introduce you)
Hunter Mindek, husband of Donna Mindek

VIPs in Attendance

Senator Arlen Specter (R) (will deliver remarks prior to your arrival)

Senator Rick Santorum (R)

Congressman Bill Shuster (R, PA-09)

Congressman Joe Pitts (R, PA-16)

Congressman Tim Holden (D, PA-17)

Congressman Todd Platts (R, PA-19)

Attorney General Jerry Pappert (R)

Charles Dent, Vice Chair, State Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee (R)

Senator Jeff Piccola, Pennsylvania State Senate (R)

Paul Semmel, Chairman, State House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee (R)

Allan Egolf, Chairman, State House Subcommittee on Security and Emergency Response (R)

Representative John Payne, Pennsylvania State House (R)

Representative Ronald Marsico, Pennsylvania State House (R)

Representative David Hickernell, Pennsylvania State House (R)

Representative Mauree Gingrich, Pennsylvania State House (R)

Keith Hite, Executive Director, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors

Linda Hite, wife of Keith Hite

Marcus Hite, son of Keith and Linda Hite

Michael "Mike" Lutz, President, Fraternal Order of Police Pennsylvania State Lodge

Dr. Joseph "Bret" Delone, surgeon

Major Dick Winters, World War II veteran

Note: Major Winters led the platoon on which the HBO-series "Band of Brothers" was based.

Edward Goodhart, Trustee, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (will deliver the Invocation prior to your arrival)

John Cassis, Founder, Cassis Group; and former California Angel's baseball player (will deliver remarks prior to your arrival)

Patrick Leonard, USA Freedom Corp Greeter

James and Jean Leonard, parents of Patrick Leonard

Jim and Tom Leonard, brothers of Patrick Leonard

Note: Jim and Tom are volunteer firemen.

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state and local officials

White House Staff

COS: Harriet Miers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy

Event: Karl Rove, Senior Advisor, and Matthew Hunter, Associate Political Director

Policy: Richard Falkenrath, Deputy Homeland Security Advisor

Press: Scott McClellan, Press Secretary

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You arrive at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center and proceed to the Chocolate Ballroom, where you are met by Congressman Tim Holden, Attorney General Jerry Pappert, Donna Mindek, Hunter Mindek, Keith Hite, Linda Hite, Marcus Hite, and Bret Delone.
- You proceed to off-stage hold with Donna Mindek.
Note: Prior to your arrival, a program will be emceed by Donna Mindek.
The program will include remarks by Senator Specter and John Cassis.
- Donna Mindek is announced on to stage.
- You are announced on to stage.
- Donna Mindek delivers brief remarks and introduces you.
- You deliver remarks.
Note: Donna Mindek will depart the stage prior to your remarks.
- You conclude remarks, work the rope line, and depart.
Note: Upon departure, you take a group photo with the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors VIPs (see attached list). You also participate in Police and Firefighter Photos prior to departure.

VI. REMARKS

Remarks provided by Speechwriting

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Remarks

Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors VIPs

Political Briefing

Congressional Bios

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS VIPS

Donna Lee Mindek, First Vice President
Theodore Harold Kostige, Second Vice President
Kenneth Lee Grimes, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Shirl Kay Barnhart, Executive Board Member
Douglas Wayne Custer, Executive Board Member
Alan Lee Everett, Executive Board Member
Richard Michael Hadley, Executive Board Member
John Alan Haiko, Executive Board Member
William Bruce Hawk, Executive Board Member
Tim Lee Horner, Executive Board Member
Edward Charles Goodhart, III, Trustee
William Craig Groves, Trustee
Galen Keller Heckman, Trustee
Edwin Roland Hill, Trustee
Lester Oliver Houck, Trustee
Jack Walter, Trustee
Keith Hite, Executive Director

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STATE ISSUES

SEPTA COMMUTER TRAIN FEDERAL EMERGENCY BOARD

On April 10, by Executive Order, you established a three-member Emergency Board 237 to investigate a collective bargaining dispute between the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), a rail commuter service, and its commuter train conductors, represented by the United Transportation Union (UTU), a division of the AFL-CIO. The board will evaluate the dispute and make a final recommendation to the parties within 30 days. After 30 days have passed, if a resolution has not been reached, the process will be repeated until December, and union members will be free to strike. At that point, only Congress could intervene to force a settlement. No work stoppages are permitted within 120 days after the establishment of the emergency board.

Unlike Transport Workers Unions, commuter railroad workers fall under the Railway Labor Act, and negotiations with management are governed by a strict schedule outlined by Federal law. SEPTA employs nearly 9,000 workers and provides transportation to over 300 million passengers annually.

GOVERNOR

A March poll showed Governor Ed Rendell (D) with a 46 percent approval rating, down two points from February.¹

STATE BUDGET

On February 3, Governor Rendell proposed his \$22.3 billion budget for FY 2005. In contrast to the previous budget, this budget proposal contains no new taxes and will maintain services for Pennsylvanians by increasing budgets for key programs, including medical assistance, child care for working families, and community mental health. Operating assistance for mass transit will increase by 3.4 percent, the largest increase since 1995.

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT

The Tobyhanna Army Depot, located in northeast Pennsylvania, is expected to be targeted by the Department of Defense in May 2005 as a potential base closure. The depot, which designs, manufactures, and repairs military electronic systems, has an annual payroll of over \$200 million and is the region's largest employer, with 3,500 employees. A group of regional business and political leaders has hired a Washington lobbyist and is seeking to raise \$350,000 in an effort to keep the depot off the Defense Department's list. Senator Arlen Specter (R, PA) has voiced his support for keeping the

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depot open. In the last four rounds of base closures--from 1988 to 1995--Pennsylvania lost 16,000 jobs.

EDUCATION BUDGET

After nearly a ten-month stalemate with the Legislature, on December 23, 2003, Governor Rendell signed the state's education budget. The agreement raised state income taxes from 2.8 percent to 3.07 percent and increased taxes on cigarettes and gross revenues of cell phone companies. The budget also increased the fees for birth and death certificates, turnpike tolls, licenses for new restaurants, and elevator inspections. The Governor has argued the agreement will bring in one billion dollars in new education funding and reduce the \$1.7 billion budget deficit. The *Pittsburgh-Post Gazette* did an analysis showing the overall increase in taxes and fees will result in a \$71.10 tax increase for an individual making \$25,000 a year; a \$226.30 tax increase for an individual making \$50,000 a year; and a \$2,100 tax increase for a family making \$100,000 a year.²

The education budget will provide schools with \$4.2 billion in basic education funds (a three percent increase), \$904 million in special education funds (a 3.5 percent increase), and \$175 million in "block grants." School districts will also receive \$4.6 million for interest lost on their emergency funds and interest payments on loans taken for schools to stay open during the final weeks of 2003 because of the budget stalemate.

A February 19 report released by the National Institute for Early Education Research showed Pennsylvania ranking last in the Nation in access to preschool programs for three-year-olds and ranking 33rd for four-year-olds. Governor Rendell is proposing the State spend \$15 million to supplement Federal Head Start preschool program funding to enroll more children.

STATE HOUSE SPECIAL ELECTION

On January 27, in a State House special election, David Millard (R) edged retired banker Paul Reichart (D) by 358 votes of the 10,550 cast. The special election was held to replace former State Representative John Gordner (R). Gordner was elected in November 2003 to fill a State Senate seat vacated with the retirement of Edward Helfrick (R). Millard was sworn-in on February 9, and he will complete one year of the Gordner's unfinished term. The State House now has 109 Republican members and 94 Democrat members.

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

On November 25, 2003, the Pennsylvania Senate unanimously voted to expand two state programs that provide prescription drug assistance for low-income seniors. The two programs, the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) and PACENET, now enroll 224,000 seniors, and this number is expected to rise to 324,000 enrollees by the end of next year. Governor Rendell signed the bill on November 26, 2003, and the measure took effect on January 1.

PITTSBURGH CITY BUDGET

In November 2003, Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy (D) submitted his second unbalanced budget. On January 14, the City Council approved the \$390 million budget, and the Mayor let the budget become law without his signature. Last year, the Mayor's budget (also approved by the City Council) was \$60 million in the red. On November 18, 2003, Moody's Investor Service became the last of the Nation's big three credit rating agencies to downgrade the City's bond rating to junk status.

On March 24, Pittsburgh City Council Finance Chairman Alan Hertzburg predicted Pittsburgh will have a \$4.3 million deficit in December 2004 barring unforeseen emergencies. The Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority has been charged by the State with formulating a five-year recovery plan for the City. The board has focused on cutting costs and is expected to turn in a final report to the State Legislature and Governor Rendell by June 12.

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development granted distressed city status to Pittsburgh on December 29, 2003.

GAMBLING

In December 2003, the State Senate defeated a Rendell-backed House bill to allow gambling in the state. Governor Rendell claims the bill would have created one billion dollars in additional revenue by allowing slots at Pennsylvania racetracks and establishing "slots only" casinos in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. On January 27, Governor Rendell announced a new gambling plan intended to provide property tax relief and raise one billion dollars for public schools. This is his third and most expansive gambling plan since he took office. Under the plan, the State would take 34 percent from slot machine profits, allowing property taxes to be reduced in school districts that agreed to raise their local-earned income tax rates by 0.1 percent. Proponents of the bill are pushing for a Senate vote in the coming weeks. The

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Governor has publicly expressed frustration at the slow pace of talks with the Legislature. The Governor had originally called for passage before the April 27 primary, but with just two days left in the legislative session before the primary, it is unlikely his plan will meet the targeted date.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

In an effort to make the results of Pennsylvania's presidential primary more important, on January 13, Governor Rendell announced his intention to move the 2008 primary to the earliest primary date set by any other state. Governor Rendell said he would introduce the proposal to the Legislature next year. Under present law, Pennsylvania's presidential primary is held on the fourth Tuesday in April (April 27 this year). In non-presidential election years, the primary is not held until the third Tuesday in May.

PHILADELPHIA BUDGET PROPOSAL

On March 18, faced with a projected \$227 million budget deficit, Philadelphia Mayor John Street (D) unveiled a \$3.4 billion budget proposal that includes \$375 million in wage and business tax reductions. The budget also contains \$54 million in spending cuts, including plans to cut the Philadelphia fire department's budget by nine million dollars and the Philadelphia recreation department's budget by four million dollars. Some of Mayor Street's plans assume the City will receive more state and Federal funding, some of which is contingent on new legislation that might not be passed. By law, the budget must be approved before June 1.

MAYOR STREET ADMINISTRATION INVESTIGATION

The chief campaign fund-raiser for Mayor Street, Lana Felton-Ghee, was reportedly subpoenaed on January 8 to appear before a Federal grand jury as part of a Federal investigation of the Street Administration. Over the past several months, Federal agents have subpoenaed thousands of pages of records dealing with various city contracts.

On November 4, 2003, Mayor Street was re-elected over Republican challenger Sam Katz with 58 percent of the vote.

TREASURER BARBARA HAFER

State Treasurer Barbara Hafer (D), previously re-elected as a Republican in 2000, switched parties in December 2003. Hafer claims she received no support from the Republican Party. Hafer spent the summer of 2002 campaigning for then Democrat gubernatorial candidate

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Rendell after she was passed over for the Republican nomination for governor. She endorsed Senator John Kerry's (D) presidential bid on December 30, 2003.

REDISTRICTING

Last year, a Federal three-judge panel ruled the Republican plan for redrawing the boundaries of the State's 19 congressional districts was constitutional. Democrats appealed the case to the United States Supreme Court alleging political gerrymandering. The Court held oral arguments on December 10, 2003, and a decision in the case is expected by June. The Republican plan shifts about 40,000 residents into new voting districts for the 2004 elections.

FEDERAL GRANTS

On January 15, Taxpayers for Common Sense released a report giving credit to Senator Specter for securing funding for 88 percent of Pennsylvania projects seeking Federal aid. Nearly 20 percent of the 2,932 projects nationwide awarded by Chairman Specter's Senate Appropriations subcommittee (Labor, Health, Human Services) were earmarked for Pennsylvania.

The State stands to receive \$422 million in Federal grants out of the \$373 billion spending bill that passed the Senate on January 22. Pennsylvania, with 12.3 million residents, has the sixth-largest population in the Country and receives the seventh-highest amount of funding.

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STATISTICS

2000 General Election Results

(Presidential):

	Total	Win %
Gore	2,485,967	51%
Bush	2,281,127	46%
Nader	103,392	2%
Other	41,699	1%

1996 General Election Results

(Presidential):

	Total	Win %
Clinton	2,215,819	49%
Dole	1,801,169	40%
Perot	430,984	10%
Other	58,146	1%

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

U.S. SENATE:

- Arlen Specter (R), 4th term, re-elected in 1998 with 61%
- Rick Santorum (R), 2nd term, re-elected in 2000 with 52%

U.S. HOUSE: 19 Total (12R, 7D)

- Robert Brady (D-01), 3rd full term, re-elected with 86%
- Chaka Fattah (D-02), 5th term, re-elected with 88%
- Phil English (R-03), 5th consecutive term, 1st term in PA-03, re-elected with 78%
- Melissa Hart (R-04), 2nd term, re-elected with 65%
- John Peterson (R-05), 4th term, re-elected with 87%
- Jim Gerlach (R-06), 1st term, elected with 51%
- Curt Weldon (R-07), 9th term, re-elected with 66%
- Jim Greenwood (R-08), 6th term, re-elected with 63%
- Bill Shuster (R-09), 1st term, re-elected with 71%
- Don Sherwood (R-10), 3rd term, re-elected with 93%
- Paul Kanjorski (D-11), 10th term, re-elected with 56%
- John Murtha (D-12), 15th full term, re-elected with 73%
- Joe Hoeffel (D-13), 3rd term, re-elected with 51%
- Mike Doyle (D-14), 5th consecutive term, 1st term in PA-14, re-elected without opposition
- Pat Toomey (R-15), 3rd term, re-elected with 57%
- Joe Pitts (R-16), 4th term, re-elected with 88%
- Tim Holden (D-17), 6th consecutive term, 1st term in PA-17, re-elected with 51%
- Tim Murphy (R-18), 1st term, elected with 60%

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- Todd Platts (R-19), 2nd term, re-elected with 91%

STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor Ed Rendell (D), elected in 2002 with 53%

Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll (D), elected with Governor Rendell

Attorney General Gerald Pappert (R), 1st term, replaced Mike Fisher on December 15, 2003

Treasurer Barbara Hafer (D), 2nd term, re-elected, as a Republican, in 2000 with 49%

Auditor General Robert Casey, Jr. (D), 2nd term, re-elected in 2000 with 57%

State House: **203 (109R, 94D)**
Speaker: John Perzel (R)
Majority Leader: Samuel Smith (R)
Minority Leader: William DeWease (D)

State Senate: **50 (29R, 21D)**
President: Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll (D)
Majority Leader: David “Chip” Brightbill (R)
Minority Leader: Robert Mellow (D)

STATE PARTY

State Chairman: Alan Novak
National Committeeman: Bob Asher
National Committeewoman: Christine Toretta Olson

STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Estimated Population 2000:

Pennsylvania: 12,281,054, an increase of 3.4% since 1990

National: 281,421,906, an increase of 13.1% since 1990

Race/Ethnicity:

Pennsylvania: 85.4% White; 10.0% African-American; 3.2% Hispanic; 1.8% Asian

National: 69.1% White; 12.5% Hispanic; 12.3% African-American;
3.6% Asian; 0.9% Native American

Median Age:

Pennsylvania: 38.0 years (15.6% are 65 years and older)

National: 35.3 years (12.4% are 65 years and older)

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College Educated:

Pennsylvania: 22.4%

National: 24.4%

Median Income:

Pennsylvania: \$40,106

National: \$41,994

Households:

Pennsylvania: 67.2% family households; 51.7% married couple families

National: 68.1% family households; 51.7% married couple families

(Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau)

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YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL

Event	Date	Location
Conversation on Homeownership and Visit with a New Homeowner	March 15, 2004	Ardmore
Conversation on Education and the Jobs for the 21 st Century Initiative	February 12, 2004	Harrisburg
“Congress of Tomorrow” Republican Retreat	January 31, 2004	Philadelphia
Bush-Cheney '04 Luncheon	December 2, 2003	Pittsburgh
Bush-Cheney '04 Finance Event	September 15, 2003	Philadelphia
National Urban League Conference	July 28, 2003	Pittsburgh
United States Coast Guard	March 31, 2003	Philadelphia
Roundtable and Remarks on Medical Liability Reform	January 16, 2003	Scranton
Faith Based and Community Initiatives Conference	December 12, 2002	Philadelphia
Pennsylvania Welcome	November 1, 2002	Harrisburg
Pennsylvania Welcome	October 22, 2002	Downingtown
Carpenters Labor Day Picnic	September 2, 2002	Pittsburgh
Coal Miners Event, Fisher Fundraiser and Born Alive Bill Signing	August 5, 2002	Pittsburgh
Early Childhood Education Initiative and Fisher Fundraiser	April 2, 2002	Middletown
Tour People’s Emergency Center and Conversation on Service	March 12, 2002	Philadelphia
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Remarks on Bioterrorism	February 5, 2002	Pittsburgh
Brownfields Bill Signing	January 11, 2002	Conshohocken
Army – Navy Game	December 1, 2001	Philadelphia
Steel Workers Picnic and Little League World Series	August 26, 2001	Pittsburgh Williamsport
Faith-Based Block Party	July 4, 2001	Philadelphia
Tour and Energy Speech at Safe Harbor Hydroelectric Dam	May 18, 2001	Conestoga
Project Safe Neighborhoods Announcement	May 14, 2001	Philadelphia
Budget Tour Stop at Control Concepts	February 28, 2001	Beaver
House Democrat Retreat	February 4, 2001	Farmington

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THE VICE-PRESIDENT’S PREVIOUS TRAVEL

Event	Date	Location
Murphy for Congress Finance Event	February 27, 2004	Latrobe
Gerlach for Congress Finance Event	October 3, 2003	Conshohocken
Citizens for Arlen Specter Finance Event	June 16, 2003	Harrisburg
Gekas for Congress Finance Event	October 25, 2002	Reading
Gerlach for Congress Finance Event	July 18, 2002	Conshohocken
Murphy for Congress Finance Event		Pittsburgh
Gekas for Congress Finance Event	April 19, 2002	Harrisburg
Toomey for Congress Finance Event	April 19, 2002	Allentown
Speech to NACO Energy Town Hall	July 6, 2001	Philadelphia Pittsburgh

¹ A Quinnipiac University Poll, conducted 3/9-15/04, surveyed 1,022 registered voters, margin of error +/- 3.1%.

² “Increasing taxes, fees seem to be coming at Pennsylvanians from all directions.” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, January 19, 2004, <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/04018/263205.stm>

³ A Quinnipiac University poll, conducted 3/30/04-4/5/04, surveyed 615 likely Republican primary voters, margin of error +/- 4 percentage points.

⁵ A Franklin and Marshall Center for Opinion Research poll, conducted 3/25-29/04, surveyed 565 registered voters, margin of error +/- 4.1%.

⁶ A Tarrance Group poll, conducted 4/4/04-4/5/04, surveyed 300 likely Republican primary voters, margin of error +/- 5.8%.

⁷ A Franklin and Marshall Center for Opinion Research poll, conducted 3/18-21/04, surveyed 474 registered voters, margin of error +/- 4.5%.

⁸ A Global Strategy Group poll, conducted 4/7-8/04, surveyed 400 likely Democratic primary voters, margin of error +/- 4.9%.

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