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To Whom It May Concern:

The Washington County March for Babies is planned to take place this year on May 19, 2018. Each year, we strive to make March for Babies a fun and rewarding event that successfully raises funds to support the mission of the March of Dimes. This past year, the event was held at North Strabane Township Park. A lot of positive feedback was received in regards to the park, such as the wonderful playground and helpful grounds staff. We are set to have the Washington County March for Babies at North Strabane Township Park again this year.

Each year, more than 380,000 babies are born prematurely. Many are too small and too sick to go home. Instead, they may spend weeks or even months in the newborn intensive care unit. These babies face an increased risk of serious medical complications. The money raised by March for Babies will help fund researchers looking for the causes of premature birth; reach pregnant women with prenatal information and services; and bring comfort and information to families with a baby in newborn intensive care.

The March of Dimes Foundation is a tax-exempt charity, registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 organization. We would like to place a request to the Board of Supervisors for a discount or waiver of park fees for this event.

On behalf of the March of Dimes, thank you for supporting our organization's efforts to help moms have full-term pregnancies and babies begin healthy lives. We look forward to your continued support in 2018.

Sincerely,

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