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## Letter to the Editor

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As a concerned citizen of Union County, I am deeply disturbed over the proposed drug/convict rehabilitation facility at the Laurelton State School. I do not believe that many Union County residents realize the impact that this debacle will have in our county i.e. increase in drugs and crime. If you doubt this, check with the law enforcement agencies in Williamsport and Reading. (It's my understanding that this operation will be the worse scenario for Union County.)

The crime rate in those cities has soared since the inception of this program. The residents of Reading and Williamsport should be elated as the state will undoubtedly transfer their total programs to the larger Laurelton area along with all their headaches. The 120 jobs (not necessarily local residents) it will supposedly provide will be offset by the additional police force that will be required to enforce the inevitable increased crime rate.

I urge you to contact your Hartley Township Supervisors, Union County Commissioners and State and Local representatives to protest this program. It is also my understanding that the Hartley Township Supervisors were advised by their solicitor not to commit themselves whether they were in favor of this fiasco. Hartley Township are you going to wait until the horse is stolen before you lock the door?

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