

December 15, 2010



To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter in support of the Keystone Marker Trust's (KMT) application for funding. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has a great interest in Pennsylvania's future and recognizes this opportunity to enhance the state's tourism by marketing its unique places.

The keystone markers were once a character-defining feature for all of Pennsylvania's towns, river crossings, and trails. In the places where they remain, they are cherished elements of local fabric. Though many towns and civic groups have long sought to restore, refurbish, or replace their markers over time, the ability to do so has not existed for nearly 50 years.

At PennDOT's request, the Keystone Marker Trust has assumed responsibility for the marker program and will provide an economical, long-lasting way to address tourism, history, and create civic pride and a sense of place, while at the same time enhancing employment across the state and reducing the Pennsylvania's own infrastructure burden for years to come.

We strongly encourage your support of their program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter W. Gallas".

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