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Rick Guinan, Director, Center of Operations Department of Community & Economic Development 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Keystone Bldg Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Guinan:

A Single Application for Assistance completed by the Keystone Marker Trust and Preservation Pennsylvania has been submitted to your department for consideration. I understand Preservation Pennsylvania is the KMT's partner in this grant request.

Keystone markers once marked the entrance to almost every Pennsylvania town and are a true piece of state history. The funding requested would allow the restoration and replacement of the once-common keystone highway markers. In addition to restoring and replacing the markers, KMT has also accepted the responsibility of maintaining the markers thus removing that burden from the Department of Transportation.

I can assure you that the Keystone Marker Trust is a worthy competitor in the grant program and that this particular venture will provide a benefit for the entire state of Pennsylvania. Additionally, all who travel our roadways will benefit from their dedication and hard work.

The application has my full support. I urge you and the Department to strongly consider and approve this application should the request meet all of the eligibility requirements for the grant program. Should you need any additional information, or if I can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Cox

State Representative

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cc: Nathanial Guest