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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

December 23, 2010

Mr. Rick Guinan  
Director for the Center for Operations  
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development  
400 North Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Keystone Marker Trust

Dear Mr. Guinan:

I am writing to express the Department's support for the goals and initiatives of the Keystone Marker Trust and their effort to secure funding through the Department of Community and Economic Development to advance their objectives. Many of the Trust's programs are closely aligned with our own "Smart Transportation" themes, particularly the emphasis on strong communities that promote towns over sprawl and the preservation of historic community values as reflected in the markers. The Trust has actively sought to partner with the Department in the maintenance and repair of Keystone Markers, helping to stretch scarce maintenance dollars and greatly enhancing the historic context of community gateways throughout the Commonwealth.

The Department strongly endorses the Keystone Marker Trust's grant application and believes that an investment in the Trust's initiatives will benefit many Pennsylvania communities for a long time to come. Please give their request for funding every possible consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. W. Thompson".

FOR **Brian G. Thompson, P.E., Director**  
Bureau of Project Delivery