

January 31, 2011

Rick Guinan, Director
Center of Operations
PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Guinan:

I am pleased to learn that the Keystone Marker Trust has completed a grant request to DCED to restore cast iron town name signs. I wish to express my full support for this project.

I realize that the Keystone Markers which once graced the entrance to Pennsylvania towns, rivers, creeks, etc., were an important characteristic of our state's identity using the brilliant blue and gold keystone on each marker. In order to continue this recognition of Pennsylvania's identity it is important that these markers be restored and re-introduced as proud symbols unique to our state. I agree with the Trust that restoration of these markers creates a network of Pennsylvania communities dedicated to sound, sustainable growth that encourages tourism and responsible citizenship.

So that this project can move forward and provide an important impression for visitors and reminders for citizens of our Pennsylvania communities of their own place in society for future generations any monies you can provide through a grant will be gratefully appreciated. Therefore, I urge favorable review of the grant request for funding to restore the many cast iron name town name signs throughout the commonwealth. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my support for a project that will be valuable to so many of our citizens of all age groups.

Sincerely,

MARK K. KELLER
State Representative
86th Legislative District