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Washington, DC 20515

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National Park Service
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
1201 Eye Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

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Due to the unwavering commitment of those involved with Washington Trail-1753, various partnerships with both public and private organizations have already been formed and the results have positively influenced the development progress. Funds from the RTCA program would enable Washington Trail-1753 to collaborate with additional organizations, as well as nearby communities, creating unique opportunities for all.

I enthusiastically support Washington Trail-1753 and believe this project will enhance tourism, increase the historical significance of Western Pennsylvania and inevitably, be a financial asset to the entire Commonwealth. Therefore, I ask that you give Washington Trail-1753 utmost consideration as you award the RTCA program funds. Thank you very much for your time and kind attention to this matter. If you need additional information, please contact Stephanie Stevenson in my Butler District Office at 724-282-2557.

Sincerely,

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