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Secretary Ray LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Ohio River Trail Council – 2012 TCSP Grant Application

Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the Moon Township Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Moon Township, please consider this a letter of support for a 2012 Transportation Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP) grant application for the above referenced project.

The proposed 2.5-mile bike and pedestrian trail segment of the Ohio River Trail in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is a critical link in the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area that will link 27 municipalities, rebuild riverfronts, and provide a safe route for alternative transportation.

In addition, this project would also bring trail related economic benefits to our community and neighboring municipalities and make new opportunities for active transportation and recreation accessible to many residents in our region. In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Township of Moon is currently developing an abandoned brownfield site into a new Waterfront Park that will highlight the Sewickley Bridge and help to support the growing interest and economy focused around the Commonwealth's rivers and waterfront. The proposed trail would connect the Moon Township Waterfront Park with the pending Allegheny County Sports Complex and the existing Montour Trail.

The Township of Moon thanks you for your leadership and requests that you give this application for funding your highest consideration.

Respectfully,



Jeanne M. Creese
Township Manager
Township of Moon