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Aimee Storm
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Storm,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Borough of Monaca in its grant application for the Ohio River Corridor Brownfields Area Revitalization Planning Project through the Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of this funding would be to advance the brownfields revitalization project along the Ohio River Corridor in the hopes of spurring economic development.

The grant request is for \$175,000 to help Monaca and the other ORTC partner communities develop green infrastructure approaches for various projects such as urban storm water retro-fitting and preservation zoning incentives along the Ohio River. Recently, the Ohio River passage has been recognized by both Allegheny and Beaver counties as a crucial regional resource that needs to be protected and revitalized. Already, beginning steps have been taken to aid in this revitalization. The vision for this project is for communities along the Ohio River to band together to create an effective greenway for private economic development. The areas along the Ohio River are looking for ways to redevelop after the decline of the steel and manufacturing industries in the area. Should this area be properly revitalized, it would improve public health, attract investment, address environmental issues, and ensure community connectivity in the form of public access.

Thank you for your attention to this proposal. I am pleased to lend Monaca Borough my support, and hope the funding request for an EPA grant for this brownfields revitalization project will receive full consideration. If you have any questions, please contact my district director, Michelle Dorothy, at michelle.dorothy@mail.house.gov or 724-378-0928.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Altmire".

Jason Altmire
Member of Congress

JA: jcc

Cc: Mario Leone, Monaca Borough Manager