The Honorable Tom Corbett Governor of Pennsylvania 225 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

## Dear Governor Corbett:

Western Pennsylvania needs new jobs, increased economic development, connection and safe roads! I urge you to help us achieve these goals by releasing the \$350 million in construction financing to complete the Somerset portion of Route 219. We are aware that Maryland has funds earmarked for completion of their two-mile portion of the route. A completed Route 219 will be our region's only north-south highway. Jobs, safety and a direct north-south connection are vital to our economy.

Completion of Route 219 is critical to western Pennsylvania's future! Please help support the funding for Route 219 and the economic development for this region.

Continental 1 is the organization behind the completion of Route 219 and the Continental 1 corridor – the 1,500-mile trade and travel corridor from Toronto to Miami, stimulating faster, efficient travel and economic growth. It is a vital North-South connection, providing increased trade-flows and ensuring access and mobility for businesses involved in cross-border trade. Your support of the completion of Route 219 in NY and PA, will heavily impact job opportunities and further advancement in this region, for the long term.

Thank you for your valuable leadership and consideration of this important issue. Sincerely,