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The Honorable Thomas W. Corbett  
225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Corbett:

Maryland and Pennsylvania have been engaged in joint Project Planning activities for improvements to the US 219 corridor between I-68 and Meyersdale since 2002. Unfortunately, this effort has been on hold since 2007 when the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) could not continue financial support.

An active partnership is required to complete the planning study as this project spans both states. If the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is not in a position to complete their portion of the planning study, I would like to offer that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) move forward and complete project planning activities for the full length of US 219 between I-68 and Meyersdale utilizing Maryland's Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) funds. In order for this approach to succeed, Maryland will need a fully participatory partnership from PennDOT.

Maryland proposes to assume leadership responsibilities to complete project planning alternative through the receipt of Location Approval from the Federal Highway Administration. This would allow MDOT to move forward with subsequent phases of project development within Maryland. Pennsylvania would have the planning documentation ready when this area becomes a priority for PennDOT.

Thank you for your continued cooperation on this regional transportation issue. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Darrell Mobley, Acting Secretary of Transportation, at 410-865-1001 or via email at [DMobley@mdot.state.md.us](mailto:DMobley@mdot.state.md.us) or contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin O'Malley".

Governor

cc: Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, Acting Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation