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The Honorable  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear :

A year ago April, Governor Rendell expressed his support for the Capital Red Rose Corridor (CRRC) – formerly known as *CORRIDORone* – regional rail project with a letter of support to the Federal Transit Administration. His letter endorsed this very important regional project, which will be an economic development driver for all of south central Pennsylvania, while providing congestion relief and the opportunity for transit-oriented development in our communities along the rail line.

The only remaining puzzle piece missing – which keeps the project from moving to implementation – is its inclusion in the Commonwealth’s funding formula for operating funds. As the Governor so aptly put it, “we need to emphasize public transportation alternatives in south central Pennsylvania...”

It is imperative that the CRRC effort receive the operating assistance required in order for the project to move forward to implementation, and to save the federal capital earmark of \$10,900,000 appropriated by Congress in 2006. In the event that a portion of that earmark is not obligated by September 30, 2010, the entire earmark will be forfeited. Needless to say, it would be extremely unfortunate to lose \$10.9 million for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to another state, when such funds can so easily be preserved.

We encourage your support of the necessary operating assistance in the upcoming budget, in order to protect and improve the quality of life we enjoy in this region.

Respectfully,