

October 24, 2011

George Roberts, P.E., District Executive  
Engineering District 4  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
55 Keystone Industrial Park  
Dunmore PA 18512

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I am writing to you with extreme urgency regarding the Eighth Street Bridge located in West Wyoming Borough, Luzerne County. The old structure, that was replaced but not completely demolished, collapsed into the river on Saturday night, October 22, 2011. Given the flood prone nature of the Wyoming Valley towns I represent and the incidents of heavy rain in recent months, that structure must be removed from the river immediately!

My concern is that, in the event of another heavy rain, the remains of the old bridge will obstruct the river channel, impede flow, catch debris and create even more problems. My constituents have been hard hit in the past few months by Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Lee. We cannot risk having them impacted any more by a situation that can be prevented, namely, the removal of the old structure from the river.

I would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Mundy  
State Representative  
120<sup>th</sup> Legislative District