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The Honorable Randy Albright Secretary Office of the Budget Rm. Harrisburg, PA 17120

Secretary Albright,

I write regarding a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Grant application submitted by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for \$1,000,000 to support the restoration of the historic Wilkinsburg Train Station.

This grant application is vital for Wilkinsburg Borough and its residents, as it will create economic, cultural and historic progress and opportunity that this municipality sorely needs. This grant represents a continued effort to revitalize downtown Wilkinsburg's commercial district by utilizing an economically viable approach to reuse and sustain on-going operations of the train station after restoration.

The Wilkinsburg community overwhelmingly supports this grant to revitalize and redevelop the train station and many different ideas for reuse were given in a feasibility report – I have taken the liberty of attaching that report for your review and consideration.

Any serious consideration of this grant request is tremendous.

Respectfully,

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