**[Your Name]**

**[Your Address]**

**[City, State, ZIP Code]**

**[Date]**

[Representative's Name]

[Pennsylvania House of Representatives]

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**Appeal for Funding to Support Water Quality within the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor**

Dear Representative [Representative's Last Name],

 *[Enter a personal statement including your Name, where you live, and why you care about this issue- Example: My name is Jane Doe and I live at 2750 Hugh Moore Park Road in Easton within your \_\_ legislative district. The Lehigh River is critical resource in our community and I am writing you to highlight the urgent need to preserve water quality in our region through the installation of a riparian buffer].*

The Lehigh River, flowing out of the Appalachian Mountains and through the densely populated Lehigh Valley region, is the “backyard river” for half a million people, and the keystone to Northeastern Pennsylvania’s outdoor recreation industry. The areas that surround the river offer outdoor gathering spaces and accessible recreation opportunities for people throughout the watershed.

However, more than a third of Lehigh Valley streams are classiﬁed as impaired. Of these, roughly 60% are impaired for aquatic life and 30% are impaired for recreational uses. The major sources of impairment to tributary streams are pathogens, urban runoff and stormwater, and agriculture. Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor is committed to addressing water quality issues through the Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape Partnership.

*I urge you to please support [reach out to DLNHC at* *info@delawareandlehigh.org* *for a list of water quality projects or insert a project need you are aware of].*

Thank you for considering my appeal. Your commitment to serving our community and your dedication to preserving its beauty will not go unnoticed or go to waste.

With appreciation,

[Your Name]