**[Your Name]**

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[Representative's Name]

[Pennsylvania House of Representatives]

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**Appeal for Funding to Close D&L Luzerne Trail Gap 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 123 Tunnel Road in Dennison Township within your \_\_\_\_\_\_ legislative district. The D&L Trail is a critical resource in our community and my friends and family utilize it every day to exercise, socialize, and to run errands in White Haven. I am writing you to highlight the urgent need to close the Luzerne Trail Gap so we can connect to downtown Wilkes-Barre.].*

The D&L Trail is the spine of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and when complete will span 165+ miles from Bristol to Wilkes-Barre, making it the longest multiuse trail in Pennsylvania. The Luzerne Gap is the largest area of non-existant trail along the D&L Trail totaling 20+ miles and prohibits a connected route to downtown Wilkes-Barre and the Susquehanna River. This gap not only prevents the movement of people between White Haven and Wilkes-Barre, but the economic boost that is brought with eco-tourism and is greatly needed in surrounding communities.

Closing the Luzerne Gap and connecting the D&L Trail to it’s northern terminus in Wilkes-Barre will not only allow residents from multiple communities to access the trail for transportation and recreation, but will promote improved health and wellness, boost the local economy, and provide links to rich natural and historic resources that surround the Trail.

I urge you to please support *[reach out to DLNHC at* *info@delawareandlehigh.org* *for a list of top trail gap project needs, 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 providing safe and accessible active transportation routes will not go unnoticed or go to waste.

With appreciation,

[*Your Name*]