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John Quigley, Acting Secretary Department of Conservation & Natural Resources 7th Floor Rachel Carson Building Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Acting Secretary Quigley:

I am writing to share with you my support for a planning grant application submitted to the Department by the Allegheny Musarium Association.

The Allegheny Musarium Association, in partnership with the Warren-Forest Counties Economic Opportunity Council, is looking to construction a musarium (museum and aquarium) on a 30 acre parcel of donated land in Conewango Township, Warren County. The grant requested from DCNR is \$297,000. The value of the donated land is approximately \$600,000.

The proposed musarium will showcase the history of the oil, lumber and timber industries, as well as Native Americans and other early settlers. Local schools, as well as tourists and other residents, will benefit from this educational facility. The facility will partner with local conservationists, the Fish and Boat and Game Commissions, DCNR and other resource agencies to help create more public awareness of the region's history and its significant assets, while helping to create jobs and support the local economy.

Your department's careful review of this application is greatly appreciated. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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