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The Honorable Thomas J. Ridge
Governor
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Ridge:

I am writing to support the release of \$500,000 in Capital Budget funds for a stream channel improvement project for the Sullivan Run drainage basin in the city of Butler.

The Butler Area Sewer Authority's sewer system is overloaded during wet weather periods, resulting in basement flooding in numerous area homes. Improving the efficiency of the stream will alleviate this flooding.

The city of Butler has been actively maintaining its existing flood protection project, constructed in 1994. Sediment has been removed, and vegetation and debris has been cleared from the water channel. The city has an ongoing working relationship with the Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Waterways Engineering to ensure the adequacy of the maintenance efforts.

I strongly support the release of funds to construct necessary flood protection improvements in the city of Butler and hope you will favorably consider this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jo White".

MARY JO WHITE
SENATOR, 21ST DISTRICT

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cc: Robert A. Bittenbender