

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

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July 13, 2023

The Honorable Josh Shapiro Governor of Pennsylvania

The Honorable Frank Burns Pennsylvania State Representative

The Honorable Wayne Langerholc Pennsylvania State Senate

Re: Request for Continued Support for Community Revitalization in Johnstown, PA

Dear Governor Shapiro, Representative Burns, and Senator Langerholc:

We write on behalf of the City of Johnstown to request your renewed support for key community revitalization, infrastructure, human services, and job creation projects. As Johnstown emerges stronger than ever from Act 47 distress, we must still collaborate with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and federal, philanthropic, and private sector partners to achieve real progress and resilience in what is still Pennsylvania's poorest city.

We provide an attached, one-page summary of four key projects for the revitalization of downtown Johnstown – the construction of a new Public Safety Center for police and fire first responders, the establishment of the new "Future Works" job creation center in advanced manufacturing skills, the restoration and reopening of the historic Johnstown State Theater, and the establishment of Johnstown's first and only qualified federal health clinic in a building connected to the Downtown Intermodal Transit Center. The sheet also requests support on one state fiscal issue that is critical to Johnstown as it emerges from Act 47, and asks Governor Shapiro to send letters to the federal government to help us secure \$18.25 million in now-pending federal grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

We are ready to meet with you at the state capital about moving these projects forward. Your continued leadership and support is critical to Johnstown's future, and we thank you for your consideration.

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