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Governor Josh Shapiro
501 North 3rd Street
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Shapiro,

I write to you to voice my opposition to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's (PTC) proposed Allegheny Mountain Realignment project, also known as the Gray Cut. I strongly oppose the PTC's Gray Cut proposal: a bypass of the PTC's Allegheny Mountain Tunnel which would sever the spine of the Allegheny Mountain ridge with a 250-feet deep by 1,000-feet wide gash, resulting in the removal of 12 million cubic yards of earth. Such a project would:

- Render permanent devastation on the Laurel Highlands ecology;
- Exacerbate water supply degradation in New Baltimore to the east;
- Degrade well water supply for Berlin Borough to the west;
- Create hazardous road conditions such as fog and icing due to the bypass' higher elevation; and
- Disrespect citizen opposition to the project from Pennsylvanians across the political spectrum.

I urge you to exercise executive action to stop the PTC's Gray Cut project by cancelling the project through your authority as the top statewide elected official on the PTC's Board of Commissioners. I do not oppose other alternatives, including boring a third tunnel, to increase Pennsylvania Turnpike main line capacity. I do strongly oppose the PTC's destructive Gray Cut.

I thank you for your attention to this crucial environmental issue that would permanently devastate the ancient landscape of the Laurel Highlands.

Sincerely,

First-Name Last-Name