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Dr. Vincent Troia, Executive Chairman & CEO  
Ohio River Trail Council  
1100 Pennsylvania Ave  
Monaca, PA 15061

Dear Dr. Troia:

The Rivers of Steel Heritage Corp. (ROS) is proud to partner with and support the Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC), a non-profit volunteer-led corporation that is dedicated to bring individuals, groups, councils, organizations, schools, conservancies, communities, companies, corporations, recreational users and all levels of government together to promote and protect a continuous corridor of natural and cultural resources along the Ohio River and its tributaries. The ORTC is serving as a unification tool by providing a resource and a forum for its local citizens, decision makers, and project managers to share knowledge in order to guarantee a bright future for our rivers, forests, and towns.

The Ohio River Trail Council supports the state and national movement to develop a national greenways network. Greenways are often accomplished and managed through partnerships between municipalities, counties, and non-profit organizations. Pennsylvania's statewide greenways program was established in 2001 to promote and support the greenway efforts occurring in all sixty-seven counties. "The vision is to create a network of trails throughout the Commonwealth, with a greenway in every community by 2020." The ORTC's goal is to honor our past and build our future by providing recreation opportunities, environmental stewardship, heritage development, safe transportation networks and economic stimulus to our community.

The Ohio River Trail Council is currently planning & developing a forty-one (41) mile multi-use land & water trail system along the Ohio River and its tributaries, known as the Ohio River Trail. The corridor runs from Coraopolis, PA to Ohioville, PA at the U.S. Public Land Survey "Point of Beginning", a National Historic Landmark located near the three-way intersection of Ohio, Pennsylvania and the northern tip of West Virginia.

The Ohio River Trail is part of the "Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area", "Lewis & Clark Trail" and is being considered for part of the U.S Bicycle Route 50 and a portion of the Underground Railroad Trail, Pittsburgh spur. The Ohio River Trail will also follow sections of the "Great Path" and the "Lincoln Highway". The ORTC proposes the broad vision of a tri-state greenway system between Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The proposed Ohio River Trail will unite the "Great Ohio Lake-to-River Greenway" in Columbiana County, Ohio to the "Great Allegheny Passage" in Allegheny, County Pennsylvania forming a mega-trail from the great lakes region to our nation's capitol. ROS has witnessed first-hand the impact of the Great Allegheny Passage in providing recreation to trail users as well as economic development opportunities to the small towns and businesses adjacent and nearby the trail.

Yours truly,



Jeffrey T. Leber, VP/COO  
Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation