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Christopher J. Kufro, District Executive
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Doyle W. Sapp, Superintendent
Delaware Water Gap National Park and Recreation Area

Dear Mr. Kufro and Mr. Sapp,

The year anniversary of the closure of Route 611 at the Northampton-Monroe County border passed in early December, and yet there is still no indication of when this vital artery will be reopened. Businesses are suffering, commuters are frustrated, and the surrounding community is looking for answers when it comes to the project's prolonged delay.

In response to the public's need for information and to relieve the region's economic burden, I am formally requesting a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17th. This meeting is being coordinated with State Senator Rosemary Brown and State Representative Tarah Probst, who are also eager for answers.

Our intention is to convene an open discussion on how we can mitigate the challenges NPS and PennDOT are facing when it comes to reopening Route 611 and devising a cooperative strategy between both agencies that will provide relief to the people we serve.

This is a crucial issue that deserves our immediate attention through interagency coordination. I am confident that together we will find a solution. If you cannot attend the Jan. 17th meeting, I am officially requesting that you designate a representative from your agency.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,



Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress