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As budget negotiations continue, I am writing today to again urge you to vote against transfers from the Keystone Fund and the Environmental Stewardship Fund. These special funds provide valuable monetary resources to both communities and our state parks and forests. We know that our state parks have over a \$1 billion need for maintenance. Diverting funding now would make the cost of keeping our parks and forests safe and attractive even more expensive as systems and infrastructure continues to deteriorate. Transferring these funds also removes much needed money for community projects, which not only leverages local dollars, it creates jobs and improves quality of life.



These funds have an intended and important purpose. We oppose their diversion at any point, but the fact that the Commonwealth is experiencing a welcome budget surplus makes such an unnecessary transfer even more confounding.

Sincerely,

[Marci J. Mowery, President](#)