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The Honorable Vincent J. Hughes
Senate Appropriations Chairman
545 Main Capitol Building
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RE: Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA)

Dear Chairman Hughes:

The purpose of this letter is to request your support of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA) program in the 2022-23 General Fund Budget. PITA has requested \$2,500,000 in the 2022-23 General Fund Budget.

The PITA program has proven to be one of the most innovative and successful technology advancement programs in the Commonwealth. As a unique partnership among the Commonwealth, private job creators, Carnegie Mellon University, and Lehigh University; PITA is focused on economic development through research, technology, and education. PITA's mission is to assist Pennsylvania and its companies in developing new technologies, increasing operating efficiencies, and enhancing economic development. PITA provides a critical role for both established and emerging Pennsylvania businesses in their efforts to remain competitive and sustain growth through technological innovation. PITA also helps keep Pennsylvania's brightest scholars remain living in the Commonwealth upon graduation.

The PITA program is working and continues to exceed expectations. Accomplishments now include funding over 1,310 technology and process improvement projects in partnership with more than 520 Pennsylvania companies, obtaining more than \$2 of leveraged funding from industry and federal resources for every \$1 of state funding, mobilizing over 490 faculty members and 2,180 students to work on Pennsylvania-specific technology, process improvement, and educational outreach projects, and enabling 15 start-up companies created from PITA-sponsored technologies.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding the PITA program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey M. Williams".

Lindsey M. Williams
38th Senatorial District

cc:

The Honorable Jay Costa, Democratic Leader
The Honorable Anthony H. Williams, Democratic Whip