



# KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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Dear House Game & Fisheries Member,

The Keystone Trails Association (KTA) represents and advocates for the interests and concerns of the Pennsylvania hiking community. We currently represent over 44 clubs and organizations as well as thousands of individual Pennsylvanians who hike and enjoy the Commonwealth's outdoor resources.

We are the voice of hundreds of thousands of people who use our state and local lands regularly. Our club members participate in thousands of hikes per year, and volunteer over 15,000 hours maintaining 3,000 miles of hiking trails, including the Appalachian Trail. Many of the trails we use and maintain are on state game lands.

Wildlife protection, healthy habitats and conservation are supported by hunters and non-hunters alike. The PGC's mission of *managing 480 species of wild birds and wild mammals, and their habitats for current and future generations* is one that the hiking community embraces and considers very important.

The PGC needs funding. We believe most people agree with that premise since a fiscally viable wildlife agency is in all Pennsylvanians best interests.  
**KTA supports SB 192 P.N. 224.**

KTA would request that you keep SB 192 free of amendments and vote "yes" on this important piece of legislation.

Regards,

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Executive Director