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The Honorable Robert Casey
United States Senate
200 North Third St, Suite 14-A
Harrisburg, PA 17101

June 29, 2022

Re: Assistance with Surface Transportation Board request AB 167 1195 X.

Dear Senator Casey:

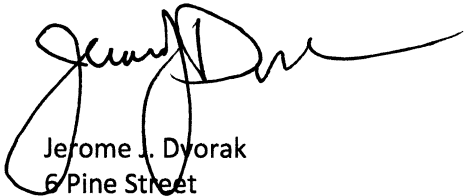
I am seeking your assistance in making a request to the Surface Transportation Board ("the STB") that they approve the captioned matter, that permits Conrail to abandon a segment of non-used railroad in Kline Township, Schuylkill County. Conrail has agreed that upon approval from the STB, it will convey the abandoned segment to a private developer. The Township, the developer and the property owners have all executed agreements that, upon conveyance of the rail segments, will result in new water mains, new fire protection mains and new sanitary sewer systems, being installed. These installations will greatly improve our community.

Unfortunately, there is a delay with the STB approval apparently because of a request by a regional railroad to correct an error made in the chain of title involving a land parcel in Carbon County, the adjacent County to Schuylkill County. The Conrail request for termination does not include the land parcel in Carbon County on which the title error was made and, in fact, Conrail does not own the rail segment in Carbon County at all. As that is the case, we believe the STB can and should act promptly to permit abandonment of the rail segment solely in Schuylkill County.

As a resident and interested Kline Township property owner, I am asking for your help. We are a small community, and this project will bring many benefits to the community. Time is of the essence, as we know the larger economic pressures may eliminate this chance for quality-of-life advancement and our small town will, once again, have missed a most important opportunity for improvement.

Thank you in advance for considering and hopefully acting on this matter.

Best regards,



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Cc: Dale Wesner, Chairman Kline Township, Board of Supervisors
Frank Zukas, President of Schuylkill Economic Development Corp
Attachments: Letter from Senator Patrick Toomey,
Letter from Congressman Daniel Meuser,
Letter from Kline Township Supervisor Dale Wesner.