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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
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Attention: Danielle Gosselin
Section of Environmental Analysis
Environmental Filing FD 35116

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

Regarding COG letter dated September 22, 2010 in reference to the Environmental Filing FD 35116. The Centre Region Council of Government (COG) is misinformed regarding the proposed economic development in Rush Township.

None of the COG Townships come close to Rush Township; none even touch Rush Township boundaries. They go off opposing a project that was proposed six years ago and has changed drastically. COG has not approached Rush Township to investigate what is being proposed in our Township, and the need for jobs and economic development outside their COG area.

Unfortunately in Centre County we have the "have and the have not's". COG sits in and around State College (Penn State) and is a prosperous area. We in Rush Township and our surrounding area have been dependent on the coal industry, which has declined substantially in the last three decades. With the installation of the proposed rail line, we have industry interested in investing in our area which we desperately need.

COG makes much noise about the proposed landfill, they fail to educate themselves that it is now a very small landfill and it will support an approximate 280 million dollar Waste-to-Ethanol plant that is proposed and a water treatment plant that will support the Marcellus Shale play in our area; along with a proposed quarry, coal companies are proposing to ship coal by this rail line, gas companies planning to ship pipe, sand and equipment by rail, all because of this needed rail line

COG Townships have industries, we do not. The jobs alone will be of great benefit to our area and the tax base and spending will give us a much needed opportunity.

COG Townships sit on the other side of the mountain, approximately 20 miles from our Township lines. They are the "have's" and we are the "have-not's". Please disregard their misguided attempts to control our opportunities and our future.

Sincerely,



Patrick E. Couturiaux, Vice Chairman
Rush Township Supervisors