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Chairman Martin J. Oberman,
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Dear Mr. Oberman,

I understand that the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") is currently reviewing a request submitted by Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) which is seeking to sell underutilized segments of property in Kline Township, Pennsylvania. The township will utilize the land for water and sewer infrastructure development if approved. The assigned case number is **AB 167 1195 X**.

Kline Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, needs water and sewer infrastructure improvements. Due to an aged low-pressure system with cracks and vegetation growth throughout, the township's residents and businesses would benefit from the development of new water and sewer lines. Additionally, the improved water main will serve as a water source for fire protection for the Villages of Haddock and Lofty. Potable water will replace shallow wells for the Village of Lofty. Creating this utility corridor in the township would significantly impact the community and utilize land that has not been used for rail in approximately fifty years.

Ensuring the residents of Kline Township have reliable water and sewer infrastructure is critical. Residents have expressed concern about the current state of water and sewer infrastructure in the township, and the township has been patiently waiting for a decision in this case before they can submit the project for development. While I recognize the caseload at STB may be significant, I respectfully request a review of this request at your earliest opportunity to ensure the township does not lose access to essential amenities.

Sincerely,

Dan Meuser
Member of Congress