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Subject MY SUPPORT FOR REOPENING THE BEECH CREEK
RAILROAD!!!

Greetings, I was given this email address to contact regarding my support for the REOPENING/RELAYING THIS HISTORIC RAIL LINE in Rush Township, Clearfield County for a proposed land fil/industrial park. I wholeheartly SAY "YES" to this intelligent proposal. I feel ANYTHING THAT PUTS ANY KIND OF TRAFFIC BACK TO THE RAILROADS SIMPLY MAKES GOOD COMMON SENSE, IS A GOOD MOVE, AND IS THE MOST ECONOMIC MEANS OF SAVING WHAT LITTLE FOSSIL FUEL RESOURCES WE HAVE LEFT. Railroads have ALWAYS been the most efficient, practical, fuel saving, environmentally FRIENDLY, an least space taking means of transporting ANYTHING. I want to see the RAILROAD TRAFFIC RETURN to this area in WHATEVER way possible. Frankly, even when CONRAIL abandoned that historic rail line, IT SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REMOVED, in the First place. Now it has to be relayed against a storm of nonsense reasons. I think any RAIL PROPOSAL that gets traffic and trucks OFF the highways is more important than some body having a bike or walking trail at the expense of the environment and our dwindling natural resources. They can bike or walk ANYWHERE, plain economics alone show that the railroad IS the way to go. Besides the above logical reasons FOR the rail line to be reopened there are also HISTORIC REASONS, that a segment of what once was the BEECH CREEK DIVISON of the Well Run NEW YORK CENTRAL System Railroad be REOPENED. It would be a wonderful thing to see TRAINS ONCE AGAIN USING THAT RAIL LINE and it's ORIGINAL PURPOSE, leaving it to be just a bike or walking trail does NOTHING to restore its' HISTORIC PURPOSE OR USE, Without the track, trains and TRAFFIC it's nothing more than a simple path just like any other. The rail line is what made it historic and if there is a chance to bring that back, IT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

That's one thing about this country that really bothers me. WHEN WILL WE LEARN THAT WE CAN'T CONTINUE WASTING OUR RESOURCES ON WASTEFUL CAR AND TRUCK TRAFFIC??? Europe and Japan leaned this DECADES AGO, yet the USA still wastes tremendous billions of dollars upgrading and expanding our highway system. The USA has to lean this is wasteful and FOOLISH. Why can't we develop and EXPAND our RAIL SYSTEMS, especially passenger as well as freight. Instead we REMOVE track in an instance, rarely keeping IT INTACT for future use???!!!! We can't continue this ridiculous transportation policy! This RAIL LINE THRU WINDBURNE TO SNOW SHOW SHOULD BE REOPENED!! I don't see a single reason or bit of logic for it Not to be reopened. People have all kind of recreational areas available to them.

In fact, I am in the process of trying to get an agent for my memoir of my father published that encompasses THIS VERY HISTORIC BEECH CREEK RAILROAD, IT would be a wonderful thing that what I have written about this line could at the same time see it's resurgence and a Second Beginning of at least part of this line. PLEASE INFORM ME OF ANY MEETINGS OR HEARINGS PUBLIC OF COURSE, THAT I CAN ATTENT TO GET THE ABOVE POINT ACROSS IF there is any way I can support this intelligent reactivation of this rail line LET ME KNOW, I am behind it 150% in any way possible. This county has to learn that reactivation of a Rail Line is A GOOD THING, & IS MORE TOWARD THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL, job wise, economic life & activity, and LESS TRAFFIC on OVERCROWDED highways, it just plain smart all around. Let me know how I can further this effort. sincerely B. Christian Bechdel also pass this message from me to anyone else that wants to see this project carried out