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Ms. Danielle Gosselin
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Ms. Gosselin

In regards to re-opening of the Beech Creek Rail line in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, I would strongly encourage you to support this re-opening if you are planning to approve the landfill. Rail traffic is more fuel efficient and cost effective, producing less pollution per ton of freight moved. This will not be a speeding bullet train that will shake homes and disturb sleepers along its rural route.

If you do not permit the re-opening of the rail line yet open the landfill, there will be increased haul truck traffic which produces more pollution, raises the cost of shipping, and endangers people driving in cars and light trucks. We will have to foot the bill for needed upgrades to the Kylertown interchange, plus pay for the road repairs as the trucks cause wear and tear on the local roads. The waste haul trucks will pass more residents and endanger more local commuters than sequestering that traffic to the rail line.

In my encounters with RJ Corman Rail Company, though limited, did find them to be very professional and cooperative. If they are willing to invest the \$25 million in fixing this rail line, why not consider opening an excursion train ride on the rails when the trash train is not running? This would be a double bonus to the local economy. Re-opening the rail line would make the roads safer for the local citizens and be better for the environment.

Sincerely,



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