

THE AVONDALE HOTEL

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Attn: Danielle Gosselin
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Dear Danielle,

I am writing in response to the proposed 20 mile rail line that will run through eastern Clearfield County and western Centre County.

Please do not allow this "Trash Train" in my backyard.

I recently purchased and reopened the historic Avondale Hotel. My new business sits along side a proposed section of this rail line just opposite the tracks where the Beech creek railroad's Ames Station sat on Main Street in Winburne, PA. I can't express enough how this will greatly impact my business and livelihood. I've only been opened for a few months now and things are going very well and getting better every week. I get a large amount of my business from people riding the rails to trails. I have great plans for restoring the historic Avondale Hotel and also to build a pavilion for outdoor entertainment. I have a very rare "garden license" which allows me to serve adult beverages in this portion of my yard and does give me an advantage over other establishments. The sight, the smell of garbage and the loud noise from a rail line 50 feet away would disgust any patron.

I can't express how terribly intrusive this train would be to surrounding community and businesses. Please help stop the "Trash Train"

I live in Lanse, which is just over the hill from Winburne/ with my three school age children. This business is my only income. I need to provide for my family.

Your time and consideration about this matter are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ricky J. Ames


