

Danielle Gosselin
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Environmental Filing FD 35116

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

I'm writing to adamantly oppose the reactivation of 20 miles of rail line in Clearfield and Centre Counties as proposed by R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines in the above-mentioned filing for the following reasons:

- **Economic Impact to this entire region.** The loss of business from current visitors who use the surrounding area for camping, ATV riding, horseback riding, biking, walking, etc. will be devastating to the local people who own the little restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, and other outdoor-based businesses. People will not visit this area because it will no longer be a nice remote area for people to come for outdoor recreation but instead will be an industrialized area in the middle of the woods at the Gateway to the PA Wilds. This region has been a "tourist town" for many, many years, and our land should remain that way for our recreation visitors and the people who choose to live in this rural area.
- **The proposed landfill/waste-to-ethanol facility is not needed or wanted in this area.** This is a get-rich scheme to make millions of dollars for members of RRLLC. They have been seeking a business for the past seven years that will generate a great income. First it was the "Largest Landfill East of the Mississippi", then an incinerator plant, then an industrial park, and now an ethanol plant. People are concerned about the safety of this proposed ethanol plant! There recently was an accident in our area where an ethanol truck ran into another truck causing an explosion that resulted in a fatality. Even if train accidents are rare, just one could prove disastrous! Also, there are gas wells being developed on this property. **Do the chemicals used to drill gas wells, mix with a nearby ETHANOL plant?**
- **The rail line would not be needed** if development was for businesses that are compatible with the current land use such as a golf course, a bed and breakfast, an ATV or hunting lodge, a spa, cabins, etc. These kinds of businesses would generate jobs, would not destroy the environment, and would add to the economic stability in this area. These businesses would generate income for the local people--not millions for a developer that does not even live in the area! Right now, we the citizens living in this area are benefiting from the tourism. This proposed ethanol plant would only provide financial help to a few.

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- **Destruction of History.** Two historic landmarks will be severely compromised—the Peale Tunnel and the Viaduct Bridge. I know the STB has extensive information on file about these two landmarks.

I know that my enjoyment of my rural lifestyle and the ability to participate and enjoy the recreational activities available to me now will be significantly and negatively impacted by the industrialization that this rail line will promote in this remote, wilderness area. The activation of this railroad for one business, a business that is not wanted or needed in this area, is not justified and consideration of this project should be permanently vetoed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda M. Padisak". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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