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Subject: REOPENING OF BEECH CREEK RAILROAD in Rush Township

Greetings, I was in touch with Tim Potts regarding this very intelligent, practical and promising rail line project in Clearfield County in Rush Township, from Windburne to Snow Show concerning a landfill and industrial park. I AM IN FULL & WHOLEHEARTLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. ANYTHING THAT PITS TRAFFIC BACK ON THE RAILROADS WHERE IT **BELONGS** MUST BE CARRIED OUT WITH GREAT URGENCY. IT MAKES FOR COMMON SENSE AND IS A GOOD MOVE. I HAVE SAID IT FOR YEARS, THAT RAILROADS ARE THE MOST EFFICIENT, PRACTICAL, MOST INTELLIGENT, FUEL SAVING AND ENVIRONMENTLY FRIENDLY MEANS OF TRANSPORTING ANYTHING. ECONOMICS DEMAND THAT WE DO AND ALSO TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF WHAT DWINDLING FOSSIL FUELS WE HAVE REMAINING. I THINK ITS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF EVERYBODY THAT THIS RAIL LINE (WHICH NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED IN THE 1ST PLACE) BE REACTIVATED. WE CAN'T WASTE WHAT FOSSIL FUELS WE HAVE LEFT ON TRUCK AND CAR TRAFFIC.

THAT'S SOMETHING THIS COUNTRY HAS YET TO LEARN! WE CAN'T CONTINUE A POLICY THAT USES TREMENDOUS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS UPGRADING AND EXPANDING OUR WASTEFUL HIGHWAY SYSTEM. THE USA Has to learn at some point that this is foolish and a mistaken policy. WE MUST PRESERVE, THEN EXPAND AND DEVELOP TO THE FULL EST OUR RAIL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IN THE USA, INSTEAD WE REMOVE RAIL LINES THE MOMENT THEY DON'T HAVE A SUFFICIENT RETURN, WHICH IS A RECKLESS AND DANGEROUS POLICY. EUROPE AND JAPAN HAVE SINCE The 1950's have expanded and developed their rail network to be THEIR **MAIN** TRANSPORTATION for decades in BOTH PASSENGER as well As Freight!!! If you travel or ship freight in these countries RAILROADS are on the forefront and 1st choice of everyone mind. They have a vibrant fully utilized and practical rail system in both areas. This county compared to those countries, has just started to make efforts in a rail direction. The USA CAN'T CONTINUE OUR PRESENT WASTEFUL AND RIDICULOUS TRANSPORTATION POLICY. THERE IS NO JUSTIFIABLE REASON OF ANY KIND NOT FOR THIS RAIL LINE PROPOSAL

TO BE PUT INTO MOTION!!!! PEOPLE HAVE ALL KIND OF RECREACTIONAL AREAS AVAILABLE TO THEM. THE BEST WAY TO HONOR SOMETHING AS HISTORIC AS THIS RAIL LINE IS TO PUT IT BACK TO ITS **ORGINAL** USE!!! IT'S THE ONLY WAY ITS HISTORIC VALUE CAN BE TRULY APPRECIATED. THE HIGHWAYS ARE ALREADY OVER CROWDED, THE RAIL LINE MUST BE REOPENED IF JUST FOR THAT REASON ALONE!!

I am writing a project related to this historic rail line and it would be wonderful to include in my work that it has been REOPENED!!! This country must realize we won't have fossil fuels FOREVER, and saving what we can IS CRITICAL . If there is any way that I can assist in this project let me know. I would LIKE TO BE NOTIFIED OF ANY PUBLIC MEETINGS WHERE I CAN SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT. IT MUST BE CARRIED OUT. Anything that reactivates a RAIL line is something in the right direction. Please let me know how I can help. sincerely Christian Bechdel