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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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1925 K Street, NW
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RE: STB Number AB 167 (Sub-number 1185X)
Environmental Analysis
Consolidated Railroad Corporation, Conrail
Robbinsville Industrial Track
Proposed Abandonment of Railroad and ROW MP 32.2-MP37.9
Washington Township, Mercer County, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Williams:

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal by Conrail to abandon the Camden & Amboy Railroad in Washington Township, Mercer County, NJ. I am especially interested in this action because of its historic value. It is the first railroad built in New Jersey and the third constructed in the United States, circa 1830. Our towns of Windsor and Robbinsville settled around its stations. This line is eligible for the state and national registers. I am asking that a Section 106 review of the National Historic Preservation Act be done before any final decisions are made.

Windsor is on the National and State Register of Historic Places. I am concerned that removal of the tracks in this town could threaten its designation.

The environmental assessment should not be waived. There are wetlands along the railway that could be impacted by the removal of the tracks. An analysis needs to be done to assure that there is no contamination of soil on