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Docket No. AB-167 (Sub. No. 1095X)
Consolidated Rail Corporation – Abandonment Exemption
Lancaster and Chester Counties, PA

To Whom It May Concern,

Conestoga, Martic, Providence, Eden, Bart and Sadsbury Townships have been involved with Conrail and other parties in an effort, since 1989, to resolve the adverse safety conditions associated with the abandoned rail line. As Township Supervisors we are charged with the public safety of our residents and those who travel through our townships. We need to make our concerns known to the STB in an effort to avoid continued delays in bringing about a safe and equitable solution to both our public safety concerns and the Historical significance of this abandoned rail line.

One of our primary concerns is this issue of public safety, at the crossings. It has been documented that many citizens have suffered personal injury, property damage and even death at these crossings. The longer these unsafe conditions are allowed to exist, the greater the risk of public safety and property damage. We do understand the 106 process and the need to ensure that it is properly completed. We believe that the 106 process was properly completed and feel sure that nothing in the process will change as a result of this continuation.

We are asking the STB to do everything in its power to bring this process to a speedy conclusion. If there is anything we can do to assist with this process, please let us know.
Thank you for inviting us to share our concerns with you.

Sincerely,
Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors:

Craig C. Eshleman, Chairman

Robert A. Funk, Vice Chairman

Charles E. Rineer, Jr., Member