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March 31, 2005

Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Funding for Resource Recovery, LLC Landfill

Dear Governor Rendell:

At its March 22, 2005 meeting, the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) Coordinating Committee approved a motion to recommend to you that state funds not be provided for the development of transportation improvements at the proposed Resource Recovery, LLC landfill in Rush Township, Centre County.

The CCMPO's recommendation addresses all sources of public funding that may be proposed for transportation improvements to serve the landfill, including but not limited to: a) \$8.5 million in state funding on the Commonwealth's Capital Budget to reactivate a rail line that traverses the landfill site; and b) Construction of a new interchange on Interstate 80 to serve the proposed landfill. We request that you give careful consideration to this recommendation, and direct PennDOT to consult with the CCMPO before making decisions about awarding the \$8.5 million for rail improvements, or committing other public funds for transportation improvements to serve the landfill.

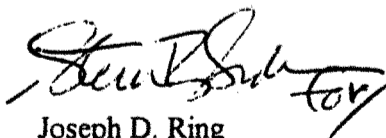
The CCMPO is facing many challenges relative to funding for transportation projects that are already underway in Centre County. The remediation of the acid rock drainage problems on the Interstate 99 project, and the construction of two new highway interchanges to connect I-99 to I-80 are examples of projects that are high priorities for the CCMPO. Future public funding for transportation projects in Centre County should be directed to those projects that are already established as priorities, and that serve a key role in sustaining the economic center of Central Pennsylvania. For example, we anticipate that the additional funding to be made available to Centre County from your recently-announced transportation funding plan will be directed to several projects that are ready to be implemented but currently lack sufficient funds for construction.

On behalf of the CCMPO, we appreciate your careful consideration of our recommendation, and look forward to your favorable response.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Steve Suder, AICP, CCMPO Secretary and Director of the Centre Regional Planning Agency, at the above address or telephone number.

Sincerely,



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