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Edward G. Rendell, Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol
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Dear Governor Rendell,

The members of the Northwest Caucus of the Democratic Caucus of the House of Representatives would like to alert you to a situation that has the potential to destroy a pristine area of this great Commonwealth to accommodate a controversial and contested landfill.

We unanimously object to any release of funding by your administration to build a rail spur specifically to Resource Recovery LLC- Clearfield and Centre County because its sole purpose is to support a proposed landfill. This proposed \$8.5 million funding was inserted in the last capital budget by the Senate of Pennsylvania.

We also stand united against a proposal to build an interchange off of Interstate 80 so garbage trucks from surrounding states and beyond will have easy access to the proposed landfill in Rush Township, Centre County. This goes beyond corporate welfare and is not "Building a New Pennsylvania" but amounts to the future trashing of a beautiful Commonwealth.


The eastern starting point of the "Pennsylvania Wilds" is at Snow Shoe-- exit 147 of I-80-- close to the proposed landfill. Do we really want to introduce visitors to Pennsylvania wilderness by allowing this beautiful, virginal land to house a 5,000-ton-a-day landfill? It will be the largest dump east of the Mississippi River.

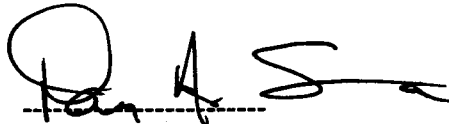
The landfill proposal and the supporting funding requests are insensitive to the needs of Pennsylvania, which already has 11 years of landfill capacity to serve the citizens of this Commonwealth as well as surrounding states. The harm of this site clearly outweighs its benefits.

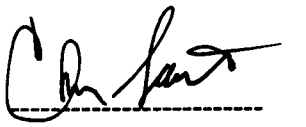
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Governor, you must stand with the people of this great Commonwealth on this crucial issue. The members of the Northwest Caucus will stand with you.

Sincerely,


Camille George, Chairman

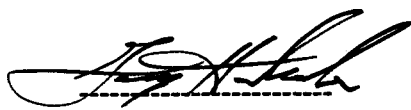

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