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RE: Stewartstown Railroad Company-York County, PA, STB Docket No. AB-1071

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing in opposition to the Estate of George M. Hart's application for abandonment of the 7.4 mile rail line of the Stewartstown Railroad Company. The railroad runs through a large portion of my district and has served it well in the past, and I believe it will do so once again in the near future.

Pennsylvania's business climate has been less than ideal. A major problem has been a lack of adequate infrastructure. Unfortunately, budget restraints have prevented the Commonwealth from adding necessary transportation capacity.

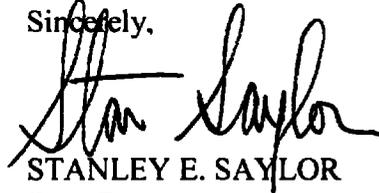
Given the increased heavy truck traffic on our already strained roadways in York County, the Stewartstown Railroad (STRR) can provide a necessary option for the transportation of goods. Additionally, continued increases in fuel prices have made rail a good economic, as well as, environmental choice for industry.

There are currently several businesses along the rail line and several industrial parks yet to be developed which could benefit from the STRR. Furthermore, York County has leased the Northern Central (STRR's connecting railroad) to Steam Into History, a non-profit group. This organization has committed to facilitating the movement of freight between the STRR at New Freedom and a connection with York Railway. Therefore, the STRR will have a viable connection with the interstate rail network.

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I urge you not to ignore future economic growth and infrastructure needs in York County and preserve a rail service option via the historic Stewartstown Railroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Saylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stan" and last name "Saylor" clearly distinguishable.

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