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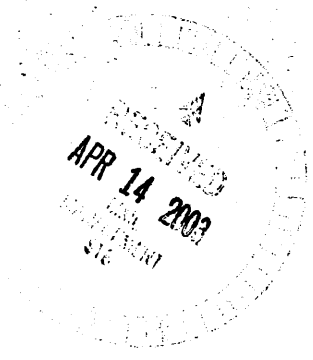
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Dear Director Clemens:

Twin Rivers Council of Governments is writing on behalf of the Township of South Versailles, located 18 miles southeast of Pittsburgh in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

It is not unusual for a community to request our assistance in matters of concern and we have been able to work in the past with South Versailles Township in areas of Health and Safety.

We are requesting your assistance to investigate the oversight of South Versailles Township not being included or considered for noise abatement; or explain why they were ineligible for the noise abatement funds released by the Railroad when the acquisition of Conrail/CSX took place.

South Versailles Township cannot recall receiving any communication regarding the abatement process and they feel that the traffic has increased to almost double causing the PUC to approve a bonifide crossing with signalization. Any funds that would be awarded to South Versailles Township for noise abatement would be used towards the payment of the engineering fees required by CSX as the Townships share of the crossing, which is in excess of \$12,000.

South Versailles Township has 350 in population making up 150 households with the railroad running through the length of the community along the Youghioghny River. Their entire Township budget is \$64,000 for 2003 making any additional expenses outside the usual line items a hardship.

Your explanation will be greatly appreciated as we have no idea why or how South Versailles Township was left out of the agreement or ever contacted to discuss the matter.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Bradley
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Executive Director

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