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The Honorable Kathleen A. McGinty
Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Secretary McGinty:

I am very concerned that the Department is wasting a good deal of time and effort in reviewing the recently submitted permit application for the Resource Recovery Landfill in Rush Township, Centre County. The permit application, as submitted, is based on a model that is supported by an I-80 interchange, knowing full well that the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) has yet to rule on this interchange.

I would suggest that the review of this permit application is premature pending FHA action with regard to this major infrastructure question. Why would the Department waste considerable manpower hours reviewing a permit that very well could be withdrawn or at minimum receive a major modification should the FHA process reject the interchange proposal?

I would ask the Department to consider the application incomplete until such time as the FHA has ruled on this critical component.

Sincerely,

Senator Jake Corman

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