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Sharon,

Please use this letter. [REDACTED]

Cindy

PLEASE READ ALOUD AND ENTER INTO RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 AT THE MEETING OF LUZERNE'S COUNCIL:

FORLC member Cindy Brannan-Wright Township

Madam Chair Radle, Vice Chair Lombardo and all members of council;

This letter is referencing the formal complaint filed on September 5, 2022 regarding the railroad tracks on Crestwood Industrial Drive, or County Road #25.

If it is Luzerne County's position, per the law office of Elliott Greenleaf, that the danger located near the railroad tracks was a danger the county was unaware of, the email exchange copied as screen shots and attached to this letter, between a member of FORLC and Mr. Larry Plesh, County Engineer, would negate that position.

I am attaching the screen shots of email correspondence.

I am also referencing an article titled "Luzerne County Council takes final step to secure infrastructure spending" posted on September 17, 2022 in The Dallas Post for two reasons:

One: we are asking that this newly changed law (in 2020) that affords the county \$3 million from the LSA money be shared with all residents of Luzerne County. \$55/51 million dollars should not go to one bridge when there are 120+ miles of county-owned roadway in desperate need.

Two: the list of proposed roads mentions Crestwood Industrial Drive in Wright Township. Why would that be a consideration since the county just spent weeks there half-completing a job of patching? This is also proof negating the reply to my formal complaint regarding the railroad tracks that cross Crestwood Industrial Drive. Either the road was proposed to be redone in this article with no inspection of the road OR there was incompetence in the investigation that allowed missing the extreme danger near the tracks (marked with safety cones.) Luzerne County just replied, via their legal counsel, denying knowledge of the danger, as their reason for not elevating this concern to the Pennsylvania Utilities Commission. Holly Gilliland (PUC engineer) will be inspecting the work done to repair this location and informed me in a phone conversation that there are only eight engineers so they rely on the county or commonwealth to elevate dangers such as this crossing. If Crestwood Industrial Drive was inspected and recommended as needing to be redone, why didn't the PUC receive a concern for the tracks by Mr. Plesh?

It is important to FORLC that our council remain informed on legal matters regarding our roads.

Please do not allow these dangers to go unaddressed nor allocate 50+ million dollars to one bridge when there are residents all over Luzerne County traveling 120+ miles of dangerous county-owned roads.

Thank you,

Cindy Brannan
FORLC-member

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