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Dear County Council:

I respectfully ask that this be read and entered into any record taken on Thursday Oct 27th, AHEAD of your possible vote on LSA funds and the replacement of the West Nanticoke/Nanticoke Bridge.

\$75 million dollars is an enormous amount of money and should be thoughtfully and carefully spent. This money, as a 25 year loan to be hopefully paid back by Luzerne County LSA funds in \$3 million dollar increments, should ultimately give the entire county value, and safety. Spending this huge amount on ONLY ONE bridge in our county is not fiscally prudent, nor is it serving all the residents of Luzerne County equally.

While the West Nanticoke/Nanticoke bridge is old, and in ill repair, so are all our county roads. That bridge has been there all my life, and I have crossed it many times, but I believe that the new interchange off PA 29 that leads to the north end of Nanticoke is just as quick a route into all parts of the city, and is sometimes even more efficient. If the impetus for rebuilding this bridge is solely to attract business, I would think that heavy trucks would prefer the newer path with wider lanes, and less city congestion. I believe this council does not have a solid commitment from any company that currently warrants this rushed decision of replacement, yet you are shirking your duty to use this loan wisely. As I have voiced before, council should make repair and replacement of all 120 miles of county roads and bridges a priority on your agenda, and use this already approved loan for ALL county roads. ALL of our roads are a disgrace and need immediate updating.

As far as the repayment schedule, how can you even be assured that the LSA funds will, without a doubt, cover the \$3 million annual costs? As I understand this fund, it is tied to casino profits; what if the casinos funds lessen, or burn themselves out? What if the casinos go bust and pull out of our area, like they did in Atlantic City? What then- Do you have a plan B for repayment-how does Luzerne County justify THAT tax increase?? And, if once again our roads are still un-repaired, how do you think our citizens will feel about your decision here tonight.

I implore you to MAKE ALL ROADS YOUR PRIORITY-here and now, not just one bridge that frankly could be eliminated completely, instead of being replaced.  
I trust you will hear me, and do the right thing for all of our citizens.

Carol Rosser, Sweet Valley

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