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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

December 11, 2018

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

I am writing to you to express my significant concern regarding the further redevelopment of Rockhill Quarry in East Rockhill, Pennsylvania.

On December 5, 2018, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) announced permit application approval for the establishment of a rock crushing plant at the site of the quarry. Unfortunately, the DEP approved the application despite objections from area residents concerned about air quality effects from dust emanation. This is in addition to concerns regarding noise pollution and infrastructure deterioration due to increased traffic flow, as detailed in a letter to DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell on November 5, 2018.

Moreover, on December 7, 2018, the DEP received notice from the proprietor of Rockhill Quarry regarding a positive test result for fibrous asbestos at the site.

While I appreciate the immediate moratorium of all mining, rock crushing and sizing, and all other activities related to the quarry, the seriousness of this test result cannot be overstated. As such, I request that any redevelopment of Rockhill Quarry be suspended until a more thorough environmental review of the site can be conducted, and the concerns of my constituents are properly addressed.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and await your response. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian K. Fitzpatrick".

Brian K. Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress