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Gary A. Latsha
Department of Environmental Protection
5 West Laurel Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Latsha,

I write to today urge the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to consider opposing the action requested by Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania, LLC as they seek a nine-month extension to address an immediate asbestos issue at their quarry. Hanson's request for extension, four days prior to their deadline, can be viewed as disingenuous.

The PADEP sent a letter to Hanson on September 20th, 2019 and offered ample time to conduct the necessary testing and answer their questions. Despite Hanson's opposition to this order on October 3, 2019, the PADEP directed Hanson to reply by January 20, 2020.

The nine-month delay Hanson requested is excessive and irresponsible given the urgent danger this situation presents. Erskine Environmental Consulting, a subject matter expert, determined testing that Hanson publicly claimed was completed was more than sufficient to provide answers to the State's inquiry.

Given the immediate and significant risk this imposes on the residents of East Rockhill, I urge you to consider opposing the extension filed by Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania, LLC.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 215-579-8102 if my office can be of any further assistance -in this matter.

Respectfully,

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

Brian Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress