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March 10, 2020

Mr. Patrick McDonnell, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
400 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Support of Dept. of Health Letter dated February 7, 2020 to Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance, Inc. regarding Rockhill Quarry in East Rockhill Township, Bucks County, PA.

Dear Secretary McDonnell,

At the public Richland Township, Bucks County, PA Board of Supervisor's meeting held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Board unanimously voted to support the concerns raised in the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 letter from Deputy Health Secretary Raphael Barishansky to the Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance regarding the potential health risks to nearby residents associated with quarry operations in areas of naturally occurring asbestos (NOA), specifically the Rockhill Quarry in East Rockhill Township, Bucks County, PA.

Although the Rockhill Quarry itself is located on our border just outside of Richland Township, many Richland Township residents are direct neighbors of the Quarry. As noted in the Department of Health letter, these residents are at risk from airborne asbestos released by any type of quarry related activities that disturb the NOA that has been found in significant quantities in the rock formations of this quarry.

Because the risks of airborne asbestos are established and serious, the Board of Supervisors feel the Commonwealth must take action to permanently prohibit operations at the Rockhill Quarry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Stepanoff".

Paul Stepanoff  
Richland Township Manager

CC: Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance, Inc., 703 W. Market Street, Perkasio, PA 18944.