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November 5, 2009

Representative Joseph Markosek
314 Irvis Office Building
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Dear Representative Markosek:

Attached is a copy of the letter to Governor Rendell that we discussed this morning.

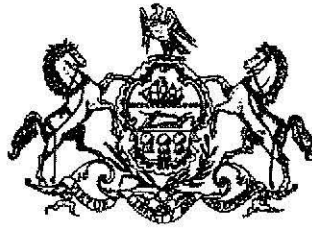
I am re-submitting it to the Governor.

The times have changed, but the situation remains the same.

Sincerely,



NICK KOTIK
State Representative
45th Legislative District



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Governor Ed Rendell
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Room 225C, Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

As state representative for the 45th Legislative District, I am writing to you on behalf of the residents of Robinson Township.

Robinson Township is a prosperous community that offers its citizens a quality of life that has attracted many new residents and businesses over the past decade. Its dynamic growth is envied by other communities struggling to keep pace with the level of service and amenities offered to the township residents.

But recent developments regarding a high speed transportation system known as Maglev threatens this community with an uncertain future and a grave threat to the quality of life of its citizens.

Maglev will split Robinson Township in two with disastrous results for property values and undermined environmental problems for the Township.

Attempts to pacify the residents by proponents of Maglev have not been generally well received. I, personally, am disappointed with the role of the Port Authority of Allegheny County in this project. From my perspective they seem to have undertaken the role of advocate for Maglev rather than an independent objective participant in the deliberative process prescribed by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Based on their role in this matter, I do not feel that comprehensive and detailed information was shared with township officials and citizens that truly justified the rejection of the alternate routes.

Many, many questions need to be raised and debated with equal representation by advocates and opponents of this technology.

During the time of severe budget shortfalls on the county, state, and federal levels of government we need to ask the question:

CAN WE AFFORD MAGLEV?



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In a time when we, as a Commonwealth, cannot provide basic transportation assistance to the Port Authority of Allegheny County and related transportation providers statewide, I believe a dose of reality and common sense is needed.

Let us work together to meet our basic transportation needs in western Pennsylvania and not squander precious resources on a transportation system that will probably never be built nationally in our lifetime and the lifetime of our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Kotik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and "K".

NICK KOTIK
State Representative
45th Legislative District